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Concerns at police reception closure

COMMUNITY leaders have raised concerns about plans for the closure of the front desk at Oswestry police station.

Various towns in Shropshire, including Oswestry, will no longer see front counter provision from September 1 but instead have new intercom contact points at their police stations to contact officers.

Bill Longmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, says local Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be increasing their "visibility and accessibility" in places where there is no longer counter service.

Oswestry town and Shropshire Councillor Martin Bennett said: "This announcement comes as something of a surprise because I would have thought the Police and Crime Commissioner would have informed elected representatives before making the announcement.

"I would like to have seen figures on the number of people who are currently using the counter service at Oswestry Police Station in order to understand the justification for the decision that has been taken.

"I would expect the commissioner to be returning to Oswestry this year and in fact I would suspect my fellow councillors would be keen for him to answer questions about this."

Town medical site is all set to be unveiled

THE formal opening of Chirk's £2.4 million medical centre is set to take place tomorrow (Friday).

The new primary care centre has replaced the town's former surgery on Castle Road.

The land was made available by Wrexham County Borough Council and the building was constructed by Anwyl Construction.

Totalling 2,000 square metres in area, the two-storey building includes rooms for GP consulting, GP training, treatments, counselling, phlebotomy and minor operations in addition to rooms for the midwives, health visitors and outpatient appointments.

Organisers close to halting Osfest



Crowds braved the conditions to watch bands including Union J at Osfest on Sunday evening

OSFEST was close to having to be closed down and festival goers evacuated, organisers have revealed.

High winds, the remnants of Hurricane Bertha, blew across the Oswestry Showground on Sunday as chart performers took to the stage.

At one point hundreds of music fans were moved away from the main stage when tolerance level wind speeds came close to dangerous levels.

But, unlike other festivals across Britain on that day organisers were able to keep the show running.

And those behind the festival said they would now be looking at how Osfest can more forward for future years.

This week they paid tribute to members of the audience, who calmly moved to the fairground on the other site of the Park Hall showground as singer Elyar Fox was performing.

Safety

Carly Woodward from Osfest said: "We have safety plans in place that we hope we never have to use. On Sunday part of that plan had to be enforced and we showed that it worked very well. There was no problem with the stage. All structures like this have wind tolerance levels that have to be complied with.

"We monitored the wind speeds throughout the afternoon and at one stage it reached 37 miles an hour so we had to move people away. However thankfully the speeds dropped.

"Sunday saw several festivals, including Bloodstock and Boardfest pull the plug completely and fully evacuate the sites. In retrospect we are very pleased that we were able to keep Osfest running with only minor changes to the programme.

"We have now had five years of Osfest and we need to look at what works, and perhaps what doesn't work. The festival was launched to give something to the people of Oswestry and this will continue."

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VISITOR CENTRE COULD BE SOLD

OSWESTRY'S visitor and exhibition centre could be sold off by the town council and tourist information moved to a new building on the main car park.

The centre is currently housed in an historic building in the grounds of St Oswald's Parish Church.

by Sue Austin

The 15th Century building, once the original Oswestry grammar school, houses the Tourist Information Centre, a coffee shop, and exhibition display areas and is run in conjunction with the Oswestry and Welsh Border Tourism Association.

But in the council's corporate plan, published this week, it is mooted that, because of the cost of the operation, the council should look at the future usage and ownership of the building, coinciding with the termination date of the existing occupancy.

The draft plan, which sets out the council's aims until 2017, said the tourism facilities could move to a new centre.

"Due to structural problems relating to the toilet block on the Central Car Park, there should be a feasibility study for replacement of that building to potentially include relocating tourism facilities into the new build," it says.

Mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, said tourism was still of vital importance.

"Tourism is seen by the council as a driver for the economy of the town. We have long supported Oswestry and Welsh Border Tourism Association and have established a successful partnership with them at our visitor and exhibition centre.

"Our review has looked at what we currently deliver in respect of tourism and the enhanced role that perhaps we can play," said the mayor.

"We recognise the need to maintain a shared partnership with Oswestry Welsh Border Tourism in terms of the local delivery of tourism."

The council says it will also support the retention and revitalisation of the tourist information office at Mile End on the Oswestry bypass.

The corporate plan also look as the town's market and says there is a need to improve the number of shoppers to the stalls.

One idea is to continue a drive to move stalls down onto Bailey Street in the heart of the town.

Councillor Jones said: "We are committed to continuing to invest in and promote markets in Oswestry. Markets are essential for Oswestry in terms of heritage, tourism and employment."

However he said despite investment in staff and a refurbishment of the indoor market and outdoor stalls further improvement in visitor and trader numbers were needed.



Councillor John Gareth Jones

New CCTV contract to update cameras

A NEW CCTV system is to be installed in Oswestry after the town council signed a £69,000 contract.

Funding from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner has been used to ensure the town's ageing surveillance system is brought up to date.

Money has also been pledged by the town council to part-fund the post of CCTV co-ordinator.

Oswestry's original system was put in place at the turn of the millennium.

It was credited as helping to cut crime and anti-social behaviour in the town within weeks of its switch-on.

Since then the system has been recognised as the largest, volunteer run system in Britain.

Its control room, hosted at Oswestry Police Station, is staffed by volunteers.

A statement released said that the town council, working closely with Inspector Rik Klair, of West Mercia Police, had invited tenders which had been provided from a number of companies.

"A contract in the region of £69,000 has been signed with ORP, a local contractor, for the system replacement with digital wireless," he said.

"This will replace all cameras in the town centre and provide new recording equipment in the CCTV control room."

A management group has also been set up.

Vandals strike at recreation ground again

VANDALS have struck again at Welshpool's Maesydre Recreation Ground.

Just a week after cricket side screens were vandalised, yobs have daubed the grandstand with graffiti.

At the start of the summer holidays, police asked parents to be aware of their children's movements after a series of incidents at the recreation ground.

A police spokesman said: "Police are making regular patrols of the area and anyone found causing damage will be dealt with robustly."

Anyone with information should call Welshpool police station on 101.

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Claire Williams from Oswestry has beaten her fears in an Iron Man event. Turn to page 11

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Developer offers £5,000 discount to local buyers

by Iain St John

A HOUSING developer has offered to sell half of its homes on a rural estate at discount to local people - even though planning officers are not forcing it to.

Primesave Properties Ltd has offered five of its 10 homes at Ashbrook Meadow in Kinnerley, near Oswestry, to people from the area with a £5,000 discount and no conditions.

Keri Jennings of Primesave Properties Ltd is working with estate agents Morris, Marshall and Poole to market the development but said it was important to offer local people an opportunity to buy some of the homes at a discount.

She said: "I was born and raised in Shropshire and as a local housing developer I feel it's important to work with local communities when creating new homes in the county and particularly rural neighbourhoods.

"There is only one property on the development with an affordable housing planning condition attached to it and we've decided to provide further properties with a £5,000 discount to people who can prove they have local connections.

"There won't be any conditions attached to these properties, but hopefully it will provide an opportunity for some local people to purchase a home they might not have considered before."

Homes on the development range from two bedroom semi-detached at £125,000 to four bedroom detached properties at £249,950 and 289,000. But five three bedroom detached homes at £189,950 are being offered with the £5,000 discount.

Anyone looking to take up the discount offer will have to demonstrate their local connection.

Knife story wanted by repertory company

THE story of how an Oswestry company launched a groundbreaking anti-knife campaign has captured the imagination of the nation - and now it could soon be taking to the stage.

Bosses at The Birmingham Repertory Theatre have suggested creating a play around the British Ironwork Centre's Save a Life Surrender Your Knife campaign.

Staff from the centre, based at Aston near Oswestry, will be visiting inner city gangs urging them to give up their knives in return for hoodies and T-shirts with an anti-knife message.

The centre has been visited by the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

British Ironworks Centre chairman Clive Knowles said: "The theatre has suggested creating a play and educational programme based on the knife campaign and the creation of the knife angel."

Crowds flock to town's big show



Helen Davies with her ram Lake View Rambo at Llanfyllin Show

MORE than 4,000 people showed the world of agriculture is alive and well by flocking to a country show.

Organisers of Llanfyllin Show believe this year's event could have attracted a record attendance, and described the atmosphere at Bodfach Park as "wonderful".

Activities at the show on Saturday included a donkey derby, sheep shearing, terrier racing, sheep dog trials and cookery – keeping alive traditions which have been celebrated in the area ever since the first show in 1879.

There were nearly 2,000 entries for the craft, cookery, and horticultural tent, which was roughly the size of a football pitch. Bethan Sian Jones, who is on the show committee, said dozens of volunteers spend a year organising the day and said the event is always an emotional day as the farming community carries on traditions passed down over centuries.

Mrs Jones said: "It was a wonderful day and we think this has been one of our best years. The park looked beautiful, we have been holding the show here for the past century.

"We were all a bit worried about the remains of the hurricane coming across the Atlantic as we have a pretty large tent but thankfully the weather stayed fine. It takes a year to plan the show and then from May onwards we step up a gear. The week before is hectic and that's when people start arriving en mass to help.

"You can have 30 people turn up just to give you a hand and that shows what a brilliant community it is."

The event also attracts some budding farmers in the making. Mrs Jones said: "We have a young handlers competition which is fantastic."

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Patients warned not to demand from Shropdoc

by Iain St John

PATIENTS are being warned not to rely on Shropdoc, the area's out-of-hours medical service.

GP Dr Waheed Aslam, from Welshpool Medical Practice, said that Shropdoc should not be relied on for non-emergencies as it cannot provide the same service as is available in the day.

Dr Aslam has been working with Shropdoc for the past 14 years.

He said that, while during the day there are about 300 doctors working across Shropshire, that same level of service is not being replicated out-of-hours.

He said: "The concern really arises that Shropdoc may become a victim of its own success.

"When working out-of-hours we have calls from people who may have been in for three or four weeks who call up Shropdoc because they don't have to take time off work to see their GP, they can just turn up and know they will be seem.

Records

"They don't understand that there are limitations.

"We do not have access to medical records as a GP would have, we are limited in the examinations we can do, I can't take blood tests or arrange for ECGs.

Dr Aslam said another concern was the amount of people who run out of medication before the weekend and call up Shropdoc in order to get a prescription.

"A significant number of calls are from people who have run out of medication or need a repeat prescription. This is an avoidable situation. If you are running low on medication, try and see a GP because Shropdoc has limitations."

Hospital services talks set to open

A COUNTY health organisation is encouraging residents to get involved with discussions on the future of Shropshire's hospital services.

Healthwatch Shropshire is encouraging people to get involved with consultation on the NHS Future Fit plans.

Plans have been drawn up for public discussion at NHS events to be held across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Mid-Wales during August and September and people are strongly encouraged to attend.

Jane Randall-Smith, chief officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, said: "If you want to help shape the future of hospital services over the next 20 years, this is your chance.

"The events in August and September will allow you to hear from doctors and NHS managers exactly what the options are concerning accident and emergency services, the location of any new hospital and for increased provision of services in the community - and to tell them what you think."

Events are taking place at Wem, Telford, Newtown, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Newport and Ludlow. Information can be found at www.nhsfuturefit.co.uk/workshops 0121 612 2805

Teddies set for the high jump at big castle event

A HISTORIC castle's collection of teddies are in for the high jump when they are catapulted into the air during an unusual fundraing event.

The Fling a Teddy event will be held at Whittington Castle near Oswestry this weekend.

The teddies will be fired from a mini medieval trebuchet which will be on loan to the castle from a living history group.

Castle bosses say the teddy fling will be part of a family fun weekend at the historic property with the funds raised going towards the castle funds.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "The idea is to have fun whilst fundraising for the castle. We got the idea from the zip wire event held at other places.

"The event is free entrance just £1 to park and then you donate at the flings. The flings will happen throughout both days.

"Spot prizes will be on offer. Stalls and refreshments will be on site."

Collecting for Gaza disaster

ABOUT £200 has been collected in donations in aid of the Gaza Emergency Fund in the Oswestry area by members of the Christian Aid charity.

Collections were made at Oswestry Show and by others in the north west of the county.

Steam makes a welcome return



Volunteer Dave Roll is seen preparing for the exciting arrival this week

A RAILWAY station will be rolling back the years when a steam hauled passenger train departs for the first time in nearly 50 years.

The landmark steam service is especially poignant for Oswestry as the town's railway works was once the area's main employer.

The town's history will be remembered this weekend when steam returns to Oswestry when an engine hauls the first passenger trains since 1965.

The service has been organised by members of Cambrian Heritage Railways, a group which has been battling and campaigning to bring the town's railway station and rail tracks back into regular use for decades.

The group has organised for a Beyer Peacock steam engine to come to the town and haul passengers trains on short trips over the weekend.

Group members are expecting the trips to be so popular that seats on the first two services need to be prebooked.

The Beyer Peacock No 1827 was built in 1879 and has returned to service following an extensive overhaul.

Roger Date from the Cambrian Heritage Railways said this weekend's event would a landmark occasion.

He said: "It is significant because it will be the first time there will be steam hauled passenger trains leaving Oswestry station in such a long time.

"The platform has been restored over recent years as a lot of what was there was removed over the years by railway companies.

"The platform has been restored and we are now able to take steam engines."

NEWS in brief

Flooding fears for homes plan

AMBITIOUS plans to transform a village coalyard into 22 affordable homes could be sunk because of flooding fears.

Environment Agency bosses say they are not happy with the plans for Gobowen as they currently stand.

The proposals have been put forward by Wrekin Housing Trust and they would bring six bungalows, eight one-bedroom flats, five two-bed homes and three three-bed houses.

Parish councillors in Gobowen have backed the project, saying it will bring much needed affordable homes for local families.

Bosses at the Environment Agency and planners at Shropshire Council have been in discussion over the plans.

Missing woman found in village

AN elderly woman was found safe and well after reports that she was walking around a village in her nightwear.

The alarm was raised at 8pm on Monday when worried passers by told police about the woman walking around Whittington near Oswestry.

Officers found the woman in the village and she told them she had simply decided to go out for a walk.

"We made sure she was safely back in the warm," a police spokesman said.

Golf day set to raise charity cash

A GOLF day in aid of national charity the NSPCC will be held near Oswestry.

The event will take place at Henlle Park Golf Club in Gobowen on September 11.

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NEWS

New group launched in bid to improve canal towpath

by Iain St John

A new group is to be launched to improve the Llangollen Canal towpath near Oswestry with campaigners hoping to exploit the growing popularity of boating holidays and the public's use of the waterway.

The aim of the new initiative is to provide a high standard of towpath along the stretch of the canal between St Martins and Gledrid to make it more accessible and user friendly.

The initiative is being driven by St Martins man Ron Jones, who also serves on Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

Mr Jones said improvements were necessary to the stretch of towpath so it was easily accessible all year round.

He said during the wetter months parts of the towpath becomes muddy and difficult to use.

Mr Jones said: "What I am trying to do is to get money to improve that stretch of towpath because I think it does need to be resurfaced.

"I would say we are talking about a couple of miles of towpath but the work would bring so many benefits if we are able to really improve the towpath.

"You would need about a metre wide towpath, four inches of stone and an inch of limestone dust to create a really good towpath that everybody could use."

Mr Jones said he had already held talks with representatives from the Canal and River Trust, the group responsible for the country's waterways.

He said: "I am told I need to try to get a group together to access the money needed for the project. I am pretty hopeful I can get the local parish councils to support it but there is a need to show public support for the plan as well so money from people like the lottery can be given.

"The use of the canal has really grown in recent years and boating holidays are really popular now.

"You also have lots of people walking along the towpath and cycling and running. It is a real asset to this area and we must do what we can to make the most of it.

"Ideally you would want a high standard of towpath all along so people can easily access it and get to the Lion Quays Hotel and The Poachers Pocket at Gledrid.

"And if you walk further along you get to Chirk Bank where the World Heritage Site starts which is a wonderful asset. If we get that improvements more people will use the towpath which bring obvious health and tourism benefits."

People interested in helping support the project are asked to call Mr Jones on (01691) 777611.

Station staff setting sights on top award

THE high level of customer care given by staff at a booking office at a village's railway station has put them in the running for a top national award.

Severn Dee Travel, a not-for-profit company which operates the booking office at Gobowen Railway Station, has been shortlisted for a customer care award.

The awards are run by rail groups from around the country and staff will learn later this year if they have won the top award.

The Community Rail Awards are organised by the Association of Community Rail Partnerships,

Severn Dee Travel has been shortlisted by awards programme basses in the 'Passengers Matter' category, sponsored by Northern Rail.

The winner will be announced at a gala dinner held in Scarborough in early October.

Director of Severn Dee Travel Dave Koring said staff were very pleased to be shortlisted, knowing the strong competition.

He said: "We do our utmost to try and please our passengers and ensuring the community has a staffed station available to them.

"We operate as a not for profit business trying each year to improve our facilities, our customers really matter to us. We very much hope the judges like what we are doing."

Exhibition on railway's war role



Exhibition curator Christopher Date and Andrew Tullo at the station

AN exhibition on the Cambrian Railway's part in the Great War has opened at Oswestry Station.

The exhibition is expected to run for at least one year.

Members of the WW1 Wilfred Owen Project, Oswestry mayor Councillor John Gareth Jones and Brian Evans, whose father is listed on the Cambrian Roll of Honour, were at the launch at the weekend.

Andrew Tullo, a member of Cambrian Heritage Railways who helped organise the exhibition, said even he had been surprised by some of the stories that had been uncovered while researching the displays.

"Research for this exhibition has revealed much we did not know about the key role that railways, including the Cambrian, played in the Great War," he said.

"Cambrian Heritage Railways has prepared the open access exhibition to show the commitment and value of railway staff during the First World War. It underlines the sacrifices that many in the work force were to make, and the long-term effects on their families and the wider community.

"There will be opportunities for those with a family connection to those men of the Cambrian who served to leave their comments and contact details."

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New college centre will address skills shortage

By Iain St John

BOSSES at an Oswestry college say they are doing their bit to ensure a skills shortage is being addressed in the county.

Three-quarters of British businesses believe a significant skills crisis will hit the UK within the next three years, according to a new report.

More than 600 business leaders were interviewed for the report by the Prince's Trust and HSBC.

More than 40 per cent said they were already experiencing skills gaps within their firms, while more than a half are facing difficulties filling vacancies. Bosses at Walford and North Shropshire College say they are already working on plans to address the issue.

The college is working to offer more courses to help with skills shortages in the local area and that includes the formation of a new Construction Centre and offering plumbing and bricklaying courses both full time and through apprenticeship routes.

Bosses say the college carried out research to identify vocational training needs for local businesses and said consistently, there was demand for construction skills.

They say the college is investing significant funds into transforming a bespoke area of the college into the new Construction Centre.

The centre will have facilities for students to learn construction skills in bricklaying and plumbing, and new for 2015, the college will introduce electrical installation facilities.

Students

Work on phase one of the Construction Centre will be overseen by estates manager, David Candlin and will be complete by September when a new intake of students will begin their studies.

The college will offer Levels 1 and 2 in both disciplines this September and expand the provision next year to include Level 3. In addition, an apprenticeship route is available in both disciplines and part-time evening courses will also be offered this September.

From September 2015 an entry level course in construction will be available as well as electrical studies from Levels 1-3.

Sharon Cooper, head of commercial services, said: "This is an exciting venture for both myself and the college.

"It's good to be able to provide local students with vocational training that will help them gain meaningful employment in the local area."

The college is in the process of looking for sponsorship and developing business links with the local construction industry.

For more information, contact Sharon Cooper directly via s.cooper@wnsc.ac.uk

Paterson to set up own think tank

NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson is setting up his own think tank which will campaign to leave the European Union, among other things.

The MP, sacked as Environment Secretary in last month's Cabinet reshuffle, now wants to gather together like minded Tories open to "think the unthinkable" and come up with a vision for a "prosperous, sovereign and socially just United Kingdom".

Mr Paterson said the new venture, which he had tentatively called UK2020, will seek to articulate the views of Conservatives "beyond Westminster".

He said it will campaign for Britain to leave the EU and free itself from some climate change regulations and targets.

The former Cabinet minister, who is not afraid to voice his views on controversial issues, from badger culls to fracking, has already raised a six-figure sum for the project and is starting to recruit staff.

In an advert on his Twitter Page, Mr Paterson revealed there are part time and full time jobs in the project, with salaries of between £20,000 – £50,000 for full time equivalent roles.

He said: "We are looking for candidates to join a small team at a new research unit to develop a radical conservative vision for a prosperous, sovereign and socially just United Kingdom in 2020.

Raise your glasses for Beerfest



Events coordinator Hannah Drakeley and facilities manager Graeme Kirkham

THE glasses have been polished in preparation for a beer festival and fun day.

Beerfest will be held at The Venue at Park Hall, near Oswestry, on Sunday – and visitors will receive a free commemorative glass with their £2 entrance fee.

Beer stalls from across the region will be manned, while there will also be activities for youngsters and families such as a bouncy castle and soft play area.

Two bands – Likeminded and The Bartells – will perform and a five-a-side football competition will be open to teams.

Hannah Drakeley, from The Venue, said: "We will be having a bouncy castle on the grounds for any children and families who would like to come along and we are also providing free soft play on the day.

"We still have spaces in the five-a-side competition. Anyone that would like to enter their team should call (01691) 684840.

"It's going to be a real family fun day, with a some real ales, football, children's entertainment and music."

Sunday's event will run from noon until 6pm.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

So Oswestry Police Station is to close to the public – why are we not shocked?

Anyone wishing to call at the station must now shout into a telephone intercom service which will hopefully be answered by some faceless individual who probably won't have a clue where Oswestry is let alone Trefonen.

Police have pledged not to make compulsory redundancies despite closing front counter services in nine stations across Shropshire. But the biggest losers are members of the public.

Very few people visit their local police station unless they really need to and then they mostly need to be dealt with on a face-to-face basis.

I can say from personal experience that this really is a backward step, having faced a situation at Welshpool Police Station where I was left hanging for 20 minutes by an operator based in Carmarthen. I was finally forced to give up completely.

What I find equally disappointing is that Bill Longmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, was in Oswestry recently and made no mention of any intention to close the town reception area.

He must have known but chose not to share such a controversial piece of information with the town's civic leaders. When he returns I suspect one or two councillors will have a thing or two to say.

The Welshpool station is now manned again and I suspect it won't be too long before West Mercia learns that cutting itself off from the people it is there to serve is not the way forward.

Mr Longmore's assurance of more officers on the beat is a pretty shallow offering. This is just the latest example of panic cuts from a troubled force.

Who know how bad things will get when the inevitable merger with the West Midlands Force happens?

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Mindless vandals have again struck at Welshpool's Maesydre Recretaion Ground. Just a week after damage to cricket side screens the grandstand has been daubed with graffiti.

Welshpool Football Club is in talks with the town council about building new facilities but may well be put off if the damage continues.

Waterloo FC along with the town rugby and cricket clubs already face big clean-up operations even before they can play a ball each week as the area attracts late night drinkers and those out to cause such mindless damage.There is only so much these people can take.

What really worries me is that a child will be seriously injured.



The Salvation Army shop is prominently located in Church Street, Oswestry



Some of the clothing for sale at the Salvation Army shop in Church Street



The Age UK shop is in a popular location for shoppers in Bailey Street

The not so new fabric of society on our street

Charity shops occupy many spots on the country's high streets. DAVE MEAKIN takes a look at Oswestry

EVERY town is unique. Whether you loath a place or love it, when you think about it there's always a landmark or shop that's associated with the area.

Like many towns of a similar size, Oswestry has more than one aspect that makes it dear to people. For some it's the market, the hill fort, or maybe a chippy you always used to go to as a kid.

For people of a certain generation, Oswestry conjures up the image of pubs, the multitude of which once made Oswestry the wettest watering hole in Shropshire.

For better or worse, things change. Nowadays, instead of boozers, the name Oswestry, like that of many provincial towns, is more likely to conjure up an image of charity shop laden high streets.

Theses shops are somewhat of an anomaly, for whilst many other high street retailers are feeling the pinch of the internet revolution, charity shops appear to be thriving, to the extent that people will come to Oswestry solely to look round these budget enterprises.

Perhaps inevitably, their popularity has led to comparison; which shop has the best clothes, the cheapest prices or the largest selection of books.

It's price however, that fixates most people, which is understandable, given that despite all these shops getting their wares for free, there is a considerable difference in price between the cheapest and the most expensive shops.

Jane Williams, manager of The Salvation Army shop in Church Street, and one of the cheapest charity shops in Oswestry, said: "We have basic guide lines that need to be followed, but essentially it's down to my judgement, you could almost call it instinct.

"There's a maximum and a minimum we can charge for things, but there's an awful lot of leeway.

"The fact of the matter is, I want to sell the items that come into the shop, because every item that's sold means money for charity. If things are too expensive, they won't sell, it's as simple as that.

"But, by the same rational, you can't just give things away either. There has to be a balance."

Despite all the shops having guidelines from their respective head offices, many managers have a surprising amount of control over the prices they charge.



Volunteer Martin Harrison in the Salvation Army shop

The Oswestry manager of Age UK in Bailey Street, said: "A lot of the pricing is down to me personally, and I often base those prices on the make of a product. It wouldn't be fair to charge the same price for a t-shirt from Primark as you would for one from M&S.

"The thing is, we get all sorts in our shop, even precious items made out of gold or silver. If that happens, I get them valued. People's interpretations of what something should cost can be very subjective, so getting them valued by a professional helps avoid problems."

The benefits of charity shops aren't just limited to bargain hunters and the institutions they represent. They're also a way for the young or long term unemployed to get onto the job market.

A report by the think tank Demos, published last year, suggest that the benefits for the unemployed can be social as well as financial.

Because whilst these shops provide an accessible way for people to improve their CVs, they also help boost the confidence of people who are just starting out in the job market, by allowing them opportunities to deal with the public.

Martin Harrison, 26, a volunteer at the Salvation Army charity shop, said: "I started working here through a work placement with County Training and this year I'll have been at the shop two years because I like it so much.

"The Demo report also highlighted the benefits for older volunteers and customers, many of whom rely on the shops "to ward off isolation and loneliness".

It found that 33 per cent of volunteers working in charity shops were retired, whilst others said their local charity shop acted as a kind of community centre for older and vulnerable people to drop in for a chat.

Not only do these shops benefit the social lives of retirees, but they can have a positive effect on their health too, with a recent US study showing that those over 50 who had volunteered for 200 hours in the previous year, were significantly healthier than non-volunteers, with a lower risk of stroke or heart attack.

Surprisingly, the report also challenges the concept that charity shops are contributing to the decline of the high street; by keeping shopping in areas they might otherwise not bother shopping, by drastically reducing the number of shops that would otherwise be empty and, by contributing a total of 17,300 paid employees to Britain's economy.

Whether you're a fan of these shops or not, their place on the high street is guaranteed for a few more years at least. And with the competitiveness their prices are likely to stay reasonable too.

WORKING FOR YOU



Glyn Davies MP

One year ago Parliament was recalled from summer recess to consider Britain's response to the gassing of innocent civilians in Syria by President Bashar al-Assad. Prime Minister Cameron and President Obama were seriously contemplating a military response.

After much discussion with and advice from many constituents, I decided that the case had not been made for a military strike against Damascus. But I did agree with David Cameron that we should not completely 'close the door' to intervention if circumstances changed.

I was on the losing side. The House of Commons decided to completely rule out military intervention no matter what. I thought that was a very bad day for world peace and that forces of evil would have been watching, and realising that NATO powers were not willing to act, even to prevent the worst of atrocities against innocents. Sadly, that is where we are today.

In Syria, 200,000 have been killed, many probably gassed. Another 8million have been made refugees. Because Western media is banned, this reign of terror hardly features on our news channels - a disgraceful failure of our free press.

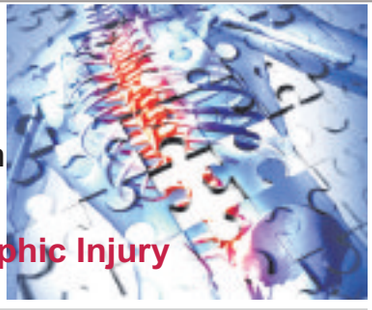
On the Eastern border of Ukraine, a Russian war making machine is gathering. Its likely thousands will die. In Kurdistan whole populations of minorities are being slaughtered simply because they are who they are. Christians are being given the choice of converting to Islam, fleeing or being killed. The barbarism of the Islamic State (Isis) is beyond inhuman.

For evil to prosper all it needs is for good people to do nothing. The UK is sending humanitarian aid to save Christians trapped on Mount Sinjar. The UK is sending Typhoons and Chinooks to help. I fully support all this, but it does seem very little, very late.

We are on the brink of a humanitarian disaster, with innocents being killed on a massive scale. Parliament would indeed be recalled if Government decided to embark on military action. Because doing nothing could be an even worse option, we should be recalled to Westminster immediately.

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Q: My partner and I bought a house together nine years ago. I hoped we would eventually get married but this has not happened and now he has met someone else and wants to buy me out of the property.

He has made me an offer but I don't think it reflects the fact that I paid a greater proportion of the deposit and all the mortgage repayments for three years whilst he went back to university. The problem is that I don't know what sort of figure I should accept as we did not have a written agreement about what would happen if we split up. What should I do?

A: You need to seek legal advice as soon as possible. In English law co-habiting couples who are not married but who jointly own their family home, will each automatically receive 50% of the sale proceeds if the property is sold. This is still the case even if one partner contributed more to its purchase or upkeep and working out who spent what in terms of percentages can be difficult. To challenge the general rule of the law in court can be costly and there is no guarantee of winning.

Unfortunately it is a myth that co-habiting couples have the same automatic rights as a married couple. Unmarried co-habiting couples have to rely on the law of trusts if they want to claim a greater or lesser financial interest in a property they own jointly. The best course of action for co-habiting couples is to have a legal agreement drawn up at the time of purchase, stating who owns what and in what proportions. A Co-habitation Agreement not only lets you document how you will split your property, its contents, personal belongings, savings and other assets if the relationship breaks down, but also how you will manage your day-to-day finances.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Monaghan, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.
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Levels of litter now prsent a big threat

WITH disposable packaging at an all-time high the UK is experiencing levels of litter on an unprecedented scale.

The impact of this has moved beyond mere aesthetic displeasure, seriously posing a threat to both public and environmental health. All is not lost, however, as we can still do something about it.

Let's do it! UK is a national anti-litter campaign, and part of the global Let's do it! World movement. This year we are organising the UK's first nationwide Clean Up Day, and on 13 September we are calling on everyone to come out together and clean up their local area.

The disposability of our waste is a one-way road, with plastic bags and bottles taking hundreds of years to degrade. One of the biggest impacts of this disposable economy is the threat it poses to wildlife.

Cigarette butts, often thought to be biodegradable - a long standing myth - threaten urban birds, who digest these butts; along with the plastic lining and tar that comes with it.

It is not too late to make a change, but we need your help if we are to make the UK clean again.

For more information, and to start or join in with a clean up, visit Let's do it! UK's website www.letsdoituk.net and join us on 13 September.

DR LUKE BLAZEJEWSKI
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ME sufferers can get help

HEADING off to university is exciting, challenging and sometimes a little daunting, not least for those new and returning students who live with the disabling illness Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.).

Symptoms of M.E. include chronic pain, fatigue and cognitive difficulties. This is where Action for M.E.'s online Student Hub comes in.

Students – and their parents – can access this help at www.actionforme.org.uk/student-hub

SONYA CHOWDHURY
Chief Executive
Action for M.E.

Chance to learn from the past

AS the nation turns its attentions to marking 100 years since the start of the First World War, a number of us believe that the centenary is an opportunity to learn from the lessons of the past.

One lesson that stands out particularly strongly to me, as chief executive of the military charity SSAFA, is the spirit of bravery and optimism in the face of such terrible times, demonstrated not only by the soldiers at the front but by the families they left behind.

We see the same courage in those we support today – be they serving personnel, veterans or family members coping with injury, illness or personal difficulties.

The song 'Pack Up Your Troubles' encapsulated that spirit during WW1, and is still sung and played today. It became what many would call the 'viral hit' of the Great War, and we at SSAFA are hoping to breathe new life into it for the Centenary.

Members of the Military Wives Choirs and a host of famous faces have come together with many of those SSAFA has supported over the years to record a new video of this truly uplifting anthem. You can watch and share it to show your support at www.ssafa.org.uk/smile.

SSAFA was the only national military charity operating when WW1 started and we are still going strong today. Through our support for serving personnel, past and present, we have always aimed to put a smile back on people's faces. Contact us on 020 7403 8783 or visit www.ssafa.org.uk.

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SSAFA

We have let down friends of the UK

THE nation comes together to commemorate the centenary of World War I – that is the broadsheet headline – the reality is quite different.

The reality is that Britain's treatment of the Commonwealth and other countries who came to our aid in that war has been diabolical. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Newfoundland, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Malta, Hong Kong, Serbia, USA and Russia – we would have lost without their help.

Despite Britain being head of the 53 nation Commonwealth, trading at a surplus, paying minimum fees, using one language – English – our incompetent politicians took the disastrous step of joining the European Union. A consequence of joining was the instruction from our masters in Brussels, Germany and France to cease trading with the Commonwealth, a consequence which did serious harm to many of their economies.

The 41-years membership of this economic dinosaur has ruined Britain, its sovereignty, democracy, economy, NHS, justice system and way of life.

We subsidise 17 of its 28 member states, while 450 million members have the right to move in with us. Yet we are obliged to restrict entry to these islands to our former friends – we ought to be deeply ashamed.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Mary Hignett is the guest of honour



Former teacher Mary Hignet (seated centre) was the guest of honour at the Old Boys' Association of Welshpool County and Grammar Schools Millennium luncheon in 2000 and she took along some former pupils to keep her company at the event

Nothing but pity for your letter writer

I AM glad for Mr Peever, that he finds comfort in his belief in an afterlife. However I find a certain smugness in his letter (August 7).

He states that he enjoyed helping people, when he ran a Post Office. Apparently he did this because he would meet them in an afterlife. Wasn't helping people his job? Would he have been less helpful if he hadn't believed in an afterlife?

Many people throughout the world volunteer to help others. Some of them are religious - all religions - some not. They do so because they are good people first, without need of reward in an afterlife, that is a fantasy of people like Alan Peever. I pity him.

BILL JOHNSON
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Sad to see councillor forced out of role

I read, with regret, that Councillor Myfanwy Alexander has been forced out from her position as deputy leader of Powys County Council.

It is obvious to most people that her remark at a public cabinet meeting was wrong, absolutely wrong, but I would suggest that she was forced out because the senior officers who call the shots at PCC jumped at the chance to get rid of someone who was not afraid to voice her opinion.

Councillor Gary Price was sacked by the previous cabinet leader, David Jones, because he had the temerity to hold the senior officers to account, so he, like Councillor Alexander, had to go. The leader and the cabinet members are chosen for their total obedience to the senior officers.

HAROLD NICHOLLS
Llandrindod Wells

Police slow to stop this nightmare

WHEN you watch programmes such as the Nightmare Neighbour Next Door what stands out is how slow the police are to act. Cases go on for 10 years or more before police are forced into action. Had they come down hard from the start years of heartache could be saved.

They are the same round here. We have problems with cars blocking pavements, yet I've seen police cars pass by on many occasions but they never stop to do anything about it even though it is illegal.

The same goes for drivers on mobile phones and drink drivers. You don't hear of many being caught around here. I think they don't want the paperwork.

R S JONES
St Martins

Why stay in the union?

FRONT page headlines tell us that businesses want to stay in the EU. Why?

We buy from the EU three times what they buy from us, they're not going to cease trading with us are they? Some businesses are owned by foreign firms – think of Nissan, Arriva and DHL for instance.

If we left, we would regain our seats at the World Trading Organisation.

There are already small countries trading with the EU - Switzerland, Norway, Kenya and Ghana. What makes our business people think we can't do it too?

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NEWS in brief

NEW POLICE ACADEMY IN

AN American-style "citizens' academy" will be set up in Shropshire - and police are already on the lookout for recruits to work with bobbies on the beat.

A select group will be chosen to join the new academy with West Mercia Police. They will undertake a 12-week course on police work - with the hope some will become special constables or volunteers with the force at the end of it.

The course will run at Shropshire's police HQ at Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, from September 10 to December 10 on Wednesday nights. It will be made up of a series of classes, dis-

Nominations for awards are open

NOMINATIONS for Shropshire Businesses for Children Awards 2015 are now open.

Organisers of the annual awards are preparing for a second event after a successful debut ceremony in March.

The awards recognise the efforts of businesses that work with children and young people and help to raise their profile across the county to ensure children and young people have the chance to access their services and products.

Visit www.bcawards.co.uk

Veteran councillor aims attack at county planners

by Iain St John

A VETERAN councillor says it is "almost a waste of time" being a parish council member in Shropshire because key planning applications are being approved "time and time again" despite local opposition.

Councillor Ron Jones said it had become a major concern how many large applications were being approved at Shropshire Council level despite objections from parish councils.

And he warned some villages in the county could soon become small towns because of the number of large scale housing developments.

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council joined several other objectors who opposed plans for the building of up to 50 homes in Whittington Road in Gobowen.

The parish council opposed the plan, saying it was backland development and did not fit in with local aspirations.

The application attracted 22 objections and 30 letters of support.

Supporters said that there were a shortage of new homes for young people in Gobowen and that new residents would help support local businesses.

Councillors on Shropshire Council's north planning committee last week



Councillor Ron Jones

voted in favour of the outline planning application after hearing that because Shropshire does not have its five year housing allocation, little weight could be given to the current housing supply policy.

Cllr Jones said: "This has now become a major concern and is frustrating for local people.

"It is almost a waste of time being on a parish council if they are going to be almost ignored. It is happening time and time again.

"We spend a good time making our development plans, SamDev as they call it, putting a boundary around the village but these plans are going outside these plans."

Cllr Jones said on top of the new development, other housing projects were in the pipeline for Gobowen. "It is making Gobowen into a town basically and we have to be careful. We will be creating towns."

Shropshire Council Speaker Councillor David Lloyd, who represents Gobowen on the unitary authority, saidplanning officers often had to recommend approval because of the five year housing allocation situation.

Club seeks members and help



Graham Hardbrook, John Hardy, Jill Stansfield, David Carnell and Roy Harrison

A SENIOR citizens lunch club is looking for more members and more volunteers to keep it afloat.

The Happy Times lunch club has been running in the Church House in Welshpool for the past five years.

Jill Stansfield, on of the main volunteers, said she was indebted to the volunteers who usually helped at the club once a month and especially to Jane Williams the cook who prepared the lunch most weeks.

"We really could do with more members and more volunteers. We have just had to put the cost up to £8 for the day and really need some more members to ensure we can keep the costs down," she added.

Anyone who is interested should contact Mrs Stansfield on (01686) 630 689.

Changing colour for hospice funding

A RAINBOW running event - which will see participants covered in powdered paint - will take place near the Shropshire border.

It will take place at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse to raise funds for Nightingale House Hospice in Wrexham.

The event has its roots in the Hindu festival Holi and has since caught on in America. It involves participants getting covered in coloured powder by other people taking part and bystanders as they run the course.

A spokesman for the event said: "It's a 4km sponsored run with a difference - participants don't have to run."

The charity estimates that the running costs of the hospice in 2014 equate to £7,200 per day, only 19 per cent of which comes from the local health board.

This means that without public donations, the hospice would only be operational for 69 days a year.

To register for the Rainbow Run or to find out more information visit www.nightingalehouse.co.uk/events, contact the hospice's fundraising team on (01978) 314292 or email info@nightingalehouse.co.uk

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90 drink drivers stopped in area

ALMOST 90 motorists were arrested for failing a breath test in Mid Wales during a month-long crackdown by police.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it stopped 5,535 drivers as part of the All Wales Summer Drink Drive campaign, with 88 testing positive.

Now the force said drivers must learn to take more responsibility for their actions after the figures were described as 'alarming'.

Susan Storch, road safety officer for the force, said: "We as drivers must take responsibility for our actions behind the wheel and not drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which even includes certain prescribed medicines.

"Doing so will significantly decrease our reaction times despite possibly feeling alert.

"We will continue to work with our partners in driving home the anti-drink and drug driving message as no amount is safe to take before driving. The choice is simple. Drink or drive, not both."

"The figures for Dyfed-Powys was one of the lowest recorded in Wales at 1.6 per cent positive," said assistant chief constable Jon Stratford, who led the campaign from South Wales Police.

Villagers get chance to buy pub for community

VILLAGERS could have the chance to buy their historic pub if it comes on to the open market.

Kinnerley Parish Council has won its bid to see the Cross keys Inn listed as an asset of community value.

This means that should the pub be sold, the village would be entitled to bid for it.

The decision to bid for community value status followed a planning application, which was turned down, to build on the pub's beer garden and car park.

Since then a planning application has been put forward to build a house on the garden of the pub, which dates back to the 1400s.

Villagers working with the Campaign to Protect Rural England approached English Heritage which agreed that the Cross Keys is an important building.

It led to the Cross Keys gaining a Grade II listing.

Kate Sanderson, clerk to Kinnerley Parish Council, said: "The parish council was approached by local people who wanted to protect the future of the pub and was asked to consider nominating the Cross Keys as an Asset of Community Value.

"The parish council agreed to fully support the local residents and nominated the Cross Keys. The request was approved by Shropshire Council and the Cross Keys is now registered as a Community Asset for the next five years.

A local group will have until December 25, 2014 to put a bid together.

"The pub cannot be sold before that day except to a community interest group. The owners are free to dispose of the pub as they wish after December 25, and first refusal does not need to be given to a community interest group," the parish clerk said.

"Despite a family now successfully managing the pub on behalf of the new owners, local residents feel that there is a possibility that the pub may not be a pub for much longer.

Project plans incredible time

MEMBERS of the Incredible Edible project in Oswestry have made a list of ideas to improve the community planting areas around the town over the next year.

The group, which was set up two years ago, looks after planters at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roft Street, The Centre in Oak Street and the Kinoculture Community Garden in Arthur Street.

Over the past year the areas have been well used, but members found things they could improve in each one.

Group spokeswoman Sue Stedman said: "We feel that Incredible Edible has been a bit quieter this year - we haven't taken part in many town or publicity events due to other commitments.

"Cornerstone has struggled this year with our first plantings being eaten by slugs and later things having to cope with the heat and lack of water. Going in to the late summer we have some corn, kale, broccoli and achouka - those little green hedgehogs that we grew last year."

Star nursing at hospital



Jackie Barry and Lorna Edwards view the chart

ELDERLY patients at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are getting star treatment in every sense.

The STAR nursing assessment process has been introduced on the ward for elderly patients at the Gobowen hospital.

Three senior nurses told the hospital's annual meeting of the process they have been through to further improve quality on the ward.

Ward manager Lorna Edwards and ward sister Jackie Barry described their "journey to the stars" on the ward where the STAR nursing assessment process was introduced.

"The quality assessment toolkit called STAR stands for Sustaining quality Through Assessment and Review and is based on meeting 14 core NHS standards from pain management and nutrition to safeguarding and communication," Sister Barry said.

She said that the nine month process, which resulted in achieving three stars by mid-June this year, had been very challenging.

NEWS in brief

Drink case means worker to lose job

A 51-YEAR-old maintenance worker faces losing his job after being banned from driving for three years.

David Owen, from Nantmawr, Oswestry, admitted drink driving .

He told Shrewsbury Magistrates Court family problems and the 14th anniversary of his nephew's death had made him stressed .

Owen was not stopped for not wearing a seatbelt. A breath test gave a reading of 73 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 microgrammes."

Owen was also fined a total of £437.

Have a say on your healthcare

PEOPLE across Shropshire and Mid Wales are being given the chance to have a say on how they think healthcare should be delivered over the next 20 years.

A series of workshops will be held throughout August and September by NHS Future Fit to find out how local people think healthcare could be improved for the future.

The programme has been set up to ensure hospitals continue to meet the needs of local people.

To book a place call (01216) 122805. For more information email nhsfuturefit@nhs.net

Show Garden Success for Moreton Park at Shrewsbury Flower Show

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Moreton Park winning show garden at Shrewsbury Flower Show



Paul Farry from Moreton Park with the Mike Bough Memorial Trophy for best in show in the external garden category

Moreton Park has been awarded a Large Gold Medal and best in show in the External Garden category at this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show 8-9th August 2014

The theme for this year's gardens was 'vintage' inspired by the show that never was owing to the start of the first world war in 1914.

The garden 'Moreton Memories' is a quintessential English garden of simple shapes and sharp edges with lush herbaceous planting and English roses. The focal point is a tranquil seated area connected with clematis covered arches invoking a relaxation area to read a book or letter from a loved one.

The garden was both designed and built by Paul Farry from Moreton Park Garden Centre. This is the third time in as many years that Paul has exhibited at the show. In 2013 he also won a large Gold Medal and prestigious best in show title. In 2012 he was awarded a Silver Gilt.

Paul commented 'I hope that the garden inspires others. Even with a small space it is possible to create a small area of beauty, somewhere to spend peaceful time to reflect'

Alyson Haywood General Manager at Moreton Park Garden Centre commented "we are delighted to have been awarded this honour it is testament to the hard work that was put in. The Flower Show is a fantastic annual event of which we are proud to be a part."

The garden centre was delighted to have had support from their suppliers Westminster Stone, David Austin Roses, Chapel Cottage Plants, Bord Na Mona Horticulture, New Leaf Plants and Gardman who donated plants, growing media and accessories.

For further information please contact Cheryl Morris or Alyson Haywood Moreton Park Garden centre 01691 777722 cheryl.morris@moretonpark.com Alyson.Haywood@moretonpark.com



NEWS in brief

Triathlon medal for Ben Jones

A Llanfair Caereinion youngster secured a brilliant silver medal at the British Triathlon Championships on Sunday.

Ben Jones, who turned 18 last month, claimed silver in the Paratriathlon category of PT3 in Liverpool, following on from his gold at the Welsh Paratriathlon Championship in Llanelli in May.

Jones has been training with the British team in Loughborough for the last month and will move there to attend university.

Date is set for next meeting

THE next meeting of Welshpool & District University of the Third Age will take place on September 2. The meeting will be held at Church House, Church Bank at 10.30am.

At the last meeting, Hilary and Ian Templeton from Church Stretton gave a presentation on 'Pictures in Harmony', a series of 10 audio-visual sequences on topics ranging from Abraham Lincoln to the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway.

Pensioner is hit by vehicle

A MAN in his 70s was struck by a vehicle on Broad Street in Welshpool on Monday and needed hospital treatment

He was taken to Victoria Memorial Hospital.

Village show to attract plenty of competition

by Andrew Morris

HORSE lovers are preparing to make their annual pilgrimage to Guilsfield today (Thursday) for one of the most popular shows in the area.

Horse classes have traditionally been a major part of the show and this year's event will be no different.

There will be classes for heavy horses, Welsh cobs, working hunters, Iberians, mountain and moorland breeds, coloured horses, Welsh mountain ponies and children's ponies.

Highlights will include the judging of the supreme champion, a parade of the Tanatside Foxhounds, show jumping, a mounted fancy dress parade and a mounted games team demonstration/competition.

"The horses are always a big attraction at the show for both the public and riders and this year should be no exception," said show secretary Sally Jones. "There is, however, so much more to enjoy for all the family at the show."

There are classes for sheep, poultry, dogs and agricultural produce as well as domestic pets.

Added to that are competitions for cookery, horticulture, floral art, handicrafts, art and photography as well as children's and adults sports. Parades of classic cars and vintage machinery will lend a touch of nostalgia.

One of the main ring highlights promises to be the Guilsfield Show Fun Tug, a massive – and hopefully friendly – village tug-o'-war competition.

The showground at Fron-Y-Fele Field, Groeslwyd will also be alive with a variety of commercial stands and fairground rides.

The show opens at 9am and a packed programme will lead up to the presentation of all trophies in the main arena at 2.15pm.



Sue Burgoyne, daughter Lara and horse section secretary Linda Jackson

Crews rev up for night rally

THE Welsh Border Car Club is into the final countdown towards the Links Electrical Ltd Breidden Road Rally on Saturday night.

The event, which pulls in thousands of spectators through a special test on 100 miles of a challenging route, is once again hoping to raise a money for Cancer Research UK.

The event will start at the Woodyard, near Guilsfield, for a family event starting at 8.30pm, with the cars starting their night of sport from 9.30pm.

Almost 100 crews have entered the rally, including top drivers Ian "Dude" Roberts, Steve King and Polly who are fighting for the coveted Welsh Championship Title.

Other local crews include Mark "GT" Roberts and Dylan Jenkins, Richard Jarman and Lowri Davies as well as the event sponsor, Alwyn Passant of Links Electrical Supplies Ltd with co-driver Denny Harris.

Stronger signal as Hafren goes FM

TWENTY years after originally being launched as the Magic 756, Montgomeryshire's local radio station has joined the FM revolution.

Listeners can now tune in to 102.1FM for Radio Hafren, the new station that rose from the ashes of the defunct Magic 756 three years ago.

The station is still broadcasting from its headquarters in the car park at Newtown on the old frequency for the foreseeable future, but owners hope the new and improved sound on FM will boost listener levels.

"Radio Hafren recognises that not all listeners will be able to receive the new signal due to the difficult terrain in our region, and for that reason is committed to continue broadcasting on 756 AM for the foreseeable future to serve the widest possible audience," said the Newtown-based station's Alistair Tyne.

Radio Hafren's programmes on 102.1 FM started at 10:21 am on Monday, with a one-off special programme to mark the occasion, following two weeks of test broadcasts.

The station has endured turbulent times over recent years with changes in ownership.

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Skeletal remains found at border caves sent for forensic testing

HUMAN skeletal remains have been found in caves on the Shropshire/Powys border at Llanymynech

The remains were discovered by people with metal detectors who were exploring an area known as Llanymynech Caves near the village of Llanymynech.

Police officers from Dyfed-Powys Police have launched an investigation and have asked forensic experts to carry out tests on the find.

Officers say the remains could be archaeological as the site was once a Roman copper mine.

Witnesses said police officers sealed off the area of the caves on Friday last week after the remains were discovered.

The remains were removed from the site for further examination.

Dyfed-Powys Police spokeswoman Sian George said: "Police are investigating the discovery of what appear to be human skeletal remains in an area known as Llanymynech caves, Llanymynech.

"This was unearthed as a result of metal detection activity being carried out on the site which was a Roman copper mine.

"The remains are being examined by forensic experts who will help us determine the significance of this find, and whether they could be archaeological."

Shropshire Councillor for Llanymynech Arthur Walpole said the find was intriguing.

He said: "I think many people will be interested in what this is.

"They say it is caves but it is really just one cave as I understand it and it is quite extensive.

by Iain St John

"It is interesting because there is lots of aspects to this.

"We are already interested in the social history of the site and it will be interesting to see what this can perhaps tells us about the site and what it can add to what we know already about the area.

"We know there was a large Roman camp in the area and hopefully this could add to our understanding.

"I think this could be interesting and significant not just locally but for the wider area and could create further interest in the site."

A number of Roman artefacts have been found in the mine previously, including a number of bones and burials,

A hoard of 30 first and second century silver coins of Roman currency was found in 1965 by some schoolboys, and they are now conserved at the National Museum of Wales.

Celebration to be held at town's nature reserve

A FUN day will be held this weekend to celebrate an area of land being designated a town's first local nature reserve.

Activities on Shelf Bank in Oswestry on Sunday will include bug hunts and guided walks.

Youngsters will be able to take part in a forest school, enjoy a kite flying session and there will be an array of stalls at the free event, which will run from 10am to 5pm.

It is hoped the fun day will be held on Shelf Bank in the summer for years to come.

The site is a three hectare area of natural public open space occupying a small hill overlooking the centre of Oswestry.

The site is managed by Shropshire Council's outdoor recreation service in association with The Friends of Shelf Bank, local councillors and partner organisations.

Families are being encouraged to attend the fun day which will also give an opportunity to visitors to understand more about the site and its designation earlier this year as Oswestry's first Local Nature Reserve.

Martin Bennett, Shropshire councillor for Oswestry East, said: "I am very pleased with the importance of this site and the work and enthusiasm of the Friends group has been recognised.

"They join the Friends of the Wilfred Owen Green and Eastern Oswestry in showing what the local community in partnership with Shropshire Council can achieve. I wish them all well in their effort, and will be working for more such partnerships in the future."

In keeping with what an Local Natural Reserve offers, it is the intention to manage the site for its wildlife and heritage and to enable visitors to freely access and enjoy these qualities through good footpaths, seating, information boards, and through appropriate management of the site to maximise its biodiversity and activities.

Claire beats her fears to complete Iron Man race



Claire Williams raising money for Cancer Research UK

A HEALTH enthusiast has gone the extra mile, quite literally, in aid of Cancer Research.

Claire Williams, 46, who works at Oswestry Leisure Centre completed the Bolton IronMan race, in an impressive 14 .5 hours.

In order to receive her medal of completion, Claire had to do a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride and ending in a 26 mile marathon run.

An achievement in itself, Claire's feat is all the more impressive given her fear of water.

Claire said: "I've wanted to do the IronMan for about seven years, but never really had the time due to family commitments. Since both my kids left school however, I've been able to put aside the time to get into shape.

"It took me a while to build up the courage to start training in open water, I had to start in the swimming pool and work at it gradually. The fear is something you never quite get over, but I managed it on the day, and that's the important thing."

Although obviously a determined individual, Claire said knowing she was doing the race for charity really helped her motivation.

"When you're training hard, it's not uncommon to feel like you're having more bad days than good days with regards to training, and that's when the knowledge that you're helping other people can really give you a boost.

"All the money hasn't come in yet, but I think I've raised over £500 for Cancer Research.

"The buzz on completion was incredible"

Hundreds of trespassers risk lives on Midlands rail tracks

HUNDREDS of children and young adults in the West Midlands are risking their lives by trespassing on railway tracks , latest figures have revealed.

A total of 145 trespassing incidents were recorded in the region between April and July this year.

British Transport Police (BTP) said more than half of the trespassers were aged between 14 and 25. Officers are now stepping up patrols in a bid to deter people from stepping on to the tracks.

There have also been 19 cases of stone throwing on the railway as well as problems of criminal damage.

The Safer Travel Partnership (STP), which includes the transport authority Centro and is tasked with combating crime on the West Midlands public transport system, said the trespassing problems increased during the summer months.

In the coming weeks, officers will visit problematic locations around the region.

They will also report any damage to railway property, such as broken fences, so they may be repaired and help to stop people gaining access to the track.

Inspector Lee Gordon from the Safer Travel Partnership said: "Children and young adults need to understand the dangers of the railway and the risk this poses, not just to their lives, but to others working and travelling on the rail network.

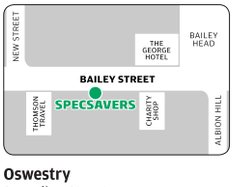
"We monitor all offences carefully, and there's a sizeable increase in the number of incidents we see during the lighter nights".

Mark Goodall, London Midland's head of route for Cross City services – the busiest commuter route in the West Midlands – said: "The statistics show that we are currently experiencing around 50 trespassing incidents a month."



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NEWS in brief

Bead workshops over the holiday

BEAD workshops for boys and girls are being held in Oswestry every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to noon and noon to 3pm at the Oswestry Bead Workshop in Church Street.

Amanda McGregor, who runs the bead workshop, said: "Aimed at children between the ages of five to 16, these workshops are good fun, help improve children's concentration and manual dexterity, plus there is the bonus of a sense of achievement on the successful completion of a great piece of jewellery.

Booking in advance is essential. Call (01691) 239484 to book or for more information.

Indecent photos of children case

A man charged with making indecent photographs of children in Oswestry has appeared in court.

John Jacob Edwards of Waldeck Street, Reading faces five charges of making more than 170 images of children on his Samsung smartphone. The offences are alleged to have taken place in Oswestry between April 3 and April 6, 2012.

He is also charged with one offence possessing nine images of extreme pornographic content.

The case was transferred to crown court for a plea and case management hearing on October 6.

Sub aqua club needing more members to survive

by Maddy McCrann-Smith

A SUB aqua club has put out an appeal for new members to save it from closure.

Oswestry Sub Aqua Club, which specialises in scuba diving, meets weekly in Oswestry's Leisure Centre for try-dives, which are aimed at new students of all ages.

There are currently around 25 members in the club, which relies on money from try-dives to keep running.

If there is no interest for try-dives then the club will be forced to close.

Darren Pallantina, one of the members, said: "Since September last year I have been in the process of signing up to the navy as a clearance diver.

"Oswestry sub aqua club has helped me rapidly gain experience and become qualified down to 25 meters in open water. This enables me to take this experience with me to the navy.

"It is a fantastic opportunity to try something people wouldn't usually think of. The club gives a limitless opportunity to gain experience, a qualification and to even take it further by diving all over the world."

The club was founded in 1980 by staff members of the Orthopaedic hospital and since then has moved around, until finally settling in Oswestry Leisure Centre. All instructors are fully qualified, insured and experienced to teach and assess SCUBA diving.

It meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. The price for an hour's session of Try-Dives is £7.50, providing all equipment and air for the divers.

For more information drop in to a session at the leisure centre or visit www.oswestry-subaqua.org



Members of the sub aqua club in action on a training session

Display marks hospital's war

THE role played during the First World War by what is now Shropshire's orthopaedic hospital is being recognised in a special display.

Called Such Good Fellows – the Role of Baschurch in World War One, the exhibition is on display at the main entrance of Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The Baschurch home is where the orthopaedic hospital had its origins in 1900.

The display has been put together by retired archivist Marie Carter and hospital staff governor Dave Adams.

Mr Adams said: "The original location of the hospital was a hugely important centre for treating soldiers and civilians, with about 200 arriving each day, during the First World War.

"Please do come along and see our display which also illustrates the treatment methods which were employed at the time."

Bellsring to mark end of project

A CHURCH in Ellesmere opened its doors to the public to mark the completion of a £90,000 project to refurbish and repair the building.

All eight bells, which have hung in St Mary's Church tower for more than 200 years, were reinstalled this year after being taken away in December.

A ceremony to mark the completion of the project was held in the ringing chamber on Saturday.

This was followed by an open afternoon when about 100 people took the opportunity to enjoy the stunning views from the top of the tower.

Peter Leigh, one of the bellringers who has helped run the project, said: "Despite the weather it was quite successful.

"We originally thought it was going to be a washout. We thought the roof would not be safe enough, but by 2pm the roof had dried out quite nicely.

"We were able to do tours and people were able to go up on the roof. People seemed to be impressed with the trip.

"A lot of people said they had never been up there before.

It was good for people to see what we have done and what we have spent our money on."

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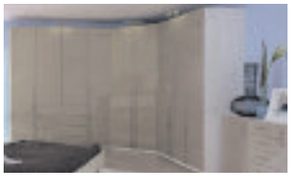
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Railway extension step closer

AN extension to the Llangollen Railway has come a step closer to completion with the arrival of a test train.

Three test diesel cars were driven along the line west of Carrog, to check out the clearances and structures along the two and a half mile railway extension between Llangollen and Corwen.

The train was driven by the chairman of Llangollen Railway Trust, Elizabeth Harland, who said: "I was delighted to drive the gauging train down the line and to see what had been achieved by our volunteers."

Work is also underway by contractors to erect the 100 -metre long temporary platform which will provide the passenger facility at the Dwyrain Corwen east station, in preparation for the platforms future use by the public.

The completion of all infrastructure works will shortly allow for the track extension to be inspected with a view to being declared fit for the operation of passenger trains.

Records go as orthopaedic numbers rise

By Pam Kingsley

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has treated more patients than ever before over the past 12 months, according to new figures.

There were 16,000 patients treated at the hospital in 2013/2014, an increase of three per cent from the previous year.

Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has also improved its access and waiting times and achieved a surplus of £1 million, which has been re-invested in facilities for patients.

The figures were revealed at the trust's annual meeting, where Russell Hardy, chairman of the trust's board and council of governors, applauded the good work of staff and volunteers.

The trust has pledged to continue to improve and make another surplus which it will spend on more developments for patient care.

Mr Hardy praised the leadership of the trust's chief executive. He said: "Wendy Farrington Chadd's leadership through the complexities of the NHS is really remarkable. Over the last six years, the performance and sustainability of the hospital has been revolutionised but what remains constant from the 1900s is the founding principles of outstanding patient care.

"We received over 1,000 written compliments from satisfied patients last year and over 90 per cent of patients and staff would recommend the hospital to friends and family.

The meeting was told the latest about a project which is seeing £12.3 million is being invested in increasing capacity in surgical theatres, which is due for completion by April 2016. Four new theatres will replace some of the current theatres.The high dependency unit will be replaced and there will be new admission and recovery facilities.

Mr Hardy said work on a new tumour unit will continue. "This has been specially designed around the needs of our patients, and will bring all of the existing tumour services together.

"This £2 million scheme is being part funded by charitable donations."

100 miles for fund



Shaun and Sue Yost in 1993 (two years before her death)

THE husband of a late Oswestry woman is cycling 100 miles around London, in aid of the Sudden Adult Death Trust UK(SADS UK).

Shaun Yost, 50, whose wife Sue died of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome in 1995 aged 28, is one of five cyclists undertaking the Prudential Ride London to help raise money for the charity's Big Shock Campaign, attempting to lobby the government for defibrillators in every school.

Sue's mum, Anne Wilson, 74, from Oswestry, volunteers for the charity, and it's thanks to her efforts that many schools in the Oswestry area now have defibrillators.

Money can be donated to SADS UK on Shaun's just giving page at: https://www.justgiving.com/shaun-yost1, call 01277 811215 or email: info@sadsuk.org

Footballers raise cash

CELEBRITIES raising money for the Wales Air Ambulance by walking the length of Wales were presented with a cheque by Llanrhaeadr Football Club.

Welsh opera singer Rhys Meirion and former X Factor star Lucie Jones took part in the annual walk and when they passed through Llanrhaeadr the village football team presented the walkers with a cheque for £734.

To donate to the Air Ambulance visit: www.cerddwnymlaen.com

County schools to get more funding

SHROPSHIRE pupils will receive the fifth highest amount of funding per head in the UK - after having previously been among the poorest supported in the country.

The Government has announced that schools in some of the least fairly funded local areas in the country will benefit from a £390 million cash boost in the biggest step towards fairer schools funding in a decade.

Shropshire's case for fairer funding has been accepted and the rise in money spent per pupil has been increased from a projected £256 to £297, meaning the county will receive an extra £10.4 million for the 2015/16 academic year.

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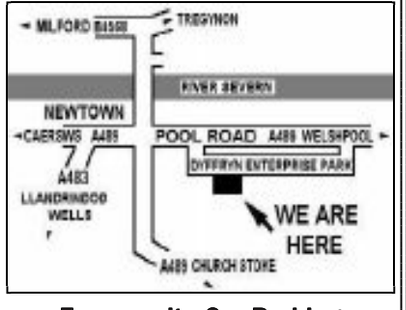
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Company expanding

OBR Graphics has expanded its business at Rednal with the opening of new offices and workshops.

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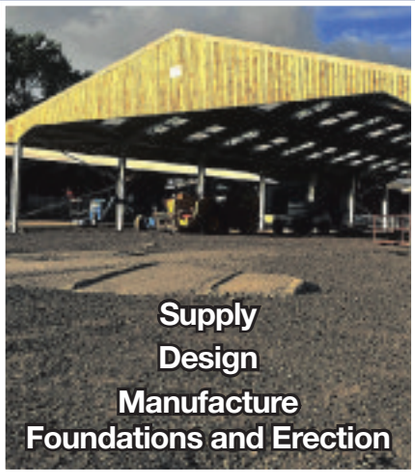
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Tractor unveiled to help fight crime

PANDA cars, helicopters, motorbikes and planes are all common modes of transport used by the police to tackle crime.

Now Dyfed-Powys Police has unveiled the latest addition to its fleet of vehicles - a crime-fighting tractor.

The force has decked the tractor out in Dyfed-Powys livery and even added blue lights with it attending a range of summer shows and events.

And although the tractor won't be out and about catching criminals, the force says it hopes it will raise awareness of what it is doing to tackle rural crime in the Dyfed-Powys region.

Barbecue cash for cancer fund

THE Navigation Inn at Maesbury Marsh has thanked customers after a charity barbecue raised £425.

The pub held a barbecue on July 20 in aid of Cancer Research UK, one of thousands which took place throughout the country over that weekend.

Anybody who would like to support Cancer Research UK but was unable to attend can make a contribution at www.justgiving.com/BBQer-The-Navigation-Inn/ or donate by texting NAVI81 followed by an amount (£1, £2, £3 etc.) to 70070.

George heaps praise on windfarm campaigners

Report by Andrew Morris

CAMPAIGNERS who spent almost 12 months fighting a public inquiry against plans for four wind farms and a power line have been praised for their efforts.

Russell George, AM for Montgomeryshire, has written a letter thanking all campaigners who attended and spoke at the Mid Wales Conjoined Wind Farm inquiry.

He said he can feel the "tide turning" against wind power in the country and is hopeful of a positive outcome following the inquiry, ended earlier this year and is now in the hands of planning inspector Andrew Poulter who is expected to give his verdict in the coming months.



Russell George

The inquiry was into plans to build wind farms in Llanbadarn Fynydd near Llandrindod Wells, Llaithddu near Newtown, Llandinam near Llanidloes, Llanbrynmair near Machynlleth and Carnedd Wen near Machynlleth with a 132kV overhead electric line connection from a Llandinam wind farm to the Welshpool substation.

If the plans get given the go ahead it would pave the way for the National Grid's Mid Wales Connection Project which would see the power generated by the wind farms carried by overhead and underground pylons from a proposed substation in Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion to he national supply at Lower Frankton, near Oswestry.

Mr George said: "I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those who attended, wrote in and spoke at the inquiry. The inspector can be left in no doubt as to the strength of feeling and passion of Montgomeryshire people on this issue.

"I am particularly grateful to the Alliance campaign group for all of their work supporting and coordinating campaigners and for spreading the message and keeping people informed. Montgomeryshire could not have equipped itself better.

"In January I met with Prime Minister David Cameron and spoke with him about the threat facing Montgomeryshire and I know that Glyn Davies, our MP, regularly raises the issue with him.

"He is kept well briefed on the issue and has noticed the strong feelings locally.

"The tide is turning on wind energy policy. We can see these changes in a recent letter from Laurence Mann, one of the Prime Minister's closest advisors, in response to a letter from Montgomeryshire Against Pylons."

Walk for cancer campaign



Annie Kerr is organising a walk for Breast Cancer Awareness

A NINE-mile walk taking in historic monuments and picturesque countryside will be held to raise money for research into breast cancer.

The sponsored walk will start at Chirk and follow the ancient path of Offa's Dyke to the Old Racecourse before finishing at Oswestry Castle.

The trek is the brainchild of Annie Kerr from Chirk. It will be held on October 5 as part of breast cancer awareness month and all proceeds will go to Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Walkers can obtain forms for registration by emailing chirktoos@sky.com or calling Annie Kerr on (01691) 659794.

Walkers will receive an information leaflet, and sponsor form or JustGiving infor-

Resource chief in call for changes

ORGANISATIONS in Wales need to change the way they think about the environment, according to the chief executive of the body charged with looking after the Welsh environment.

Emyr Roberts, chief executive of Natural Resources Wales said that institutions in the principality need more environmental planning.

In a key-note speech at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli, Mr Roberts outlined the changes which Natural Resources Wales was making and how other organisations could benefit from similar thinking.

He said: "If we are really going to make the best of the environment in Wales, we must all think of it in a joined up way.

"All the institutions in Wales need to consider the opportunities which our natural resources provide, and the threats it is facing, and act in a way which optimises the outcomes.

"This means thinking not just about impacts on wildlife, or jobs, or society, but considering all these things together, and making the right choices.

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Due to the recent success in July of their launch party, the new management at Halfway House, Shrewsbury are planning a fun day on Saturday 23rd August with everyone invited! All proceeds raised will be donated to Wipe Your Tears children's charity.

Aaron and Mike Poole, the two brothers who took over the running of the pub in June have vast hospitality experience. Since arriving, they've worked tirelessly to give the premises a new lease of life and they've introduced exciting new and affordable menus including seasonal specials, children's menus and a very popular Sunday lunch carvery. There's an outside eating/drinking space with a children's bouncy castle which backs onto the gardens and the pair are keen to introduce themselves to locals and come up with new ideas and events for the local community.

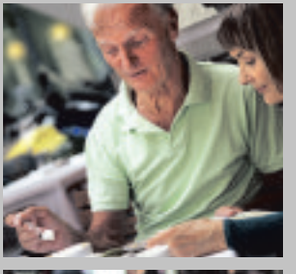
The charity weekend event will have crazy horse races throughout the afternoon, raising money for Wipe Your Tears children's charity, with bingo, quizzes and further children's entertainment throughout the day. Further events will be planned throughout the year and into 2015, all aimed at spreading the word that Halfway House is open for business, bringing people to the pub and restaurant and bringing the local community together.

Halfway House is open 7 days a week with food served daily from 12noon. To book a table or if you'd like further information on the event then call 01743 885351.

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Welsh language app launched

A NEW free app to help children and their families start learning Welsh has been launched.

Called Cymraeg for Kids, the app aims to support families as their youngsters start to learn the language.

It was unveiled at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli when a spokesman for the Welsh Government said: "Given the high number of children from non-Welsh speaking homes who attend Welsh-medium schools, a key aim for the Cymraeg for Kids app is for parents and grandparents to learn the Welsh alphabet and simple word alongside their child.

College hands out its awards

COLLEGE students have been presented with awards for their achievements over the past year.

An award ceremony took place at Walford and North Shropshire College for hair and beauty students and hospitality and catering students, hosted by Sharon Cooper, head of commercial services, and hospitality and catering lecturers Dan Tompson and Phil Bell.

Prizes were given out for student of the year, best progressed, best attendance, best hair stylist, best chef and students' student of the year.

Amy's on the road to run 53 marathons in as many days

A fitness fanatic has set off on her attempt to run what she hopes with be 53 marathons in 53 days.

Amy Hughes, 26, of West Felton near Oswestry, is hoping to create an incredible new world record, eclipsing the likes of comedian Eddie Izzard, with her challenger.

by Sue Austin

She is already a veteran of several marathons and has completed the London event six times.

The sports therapist plans to run 1,400-mile challenge over 53 days and having trained well is confident of completing all the consecutive marathons.

She began with a marathon around the outskirts of the city of Chester , egged on by running friend, David Rees Hughes.

As well as raising awareness of keeping fit, particularly in youth women, Amy hopes to raise £53,000 in the challenge for the Isabelle Lottie Foundation, a charity set up for three-year-old Wrexham girl Izzy Wynne who has battled a rare childhood cancer and has family members from the Oswestry area.

The foundation was set up by Izzy's parents Gareth and Rebecca Wynne after the youngster was diagnosed with medulloblastoma – a specific type of brain tumour, which mainly affects children between the ages of three and eight.

Amy, a former pupil at West Felton Primary and The Corbet School, said she got involved in the fundraising campaign because she knows some of Izzy's family.

"A lot of my family and friends think I am mad but I know my body and as long as I prepare right and get the right nutrition, I know I can do this. It is all about the preparation, about strength and conditioning and the right nutrition is massively important.

If Amy completes she will have beaten the previous female record of 13. According to Guinness World Records, the current world record was set in 2009 by Akinori Kusuda in Japan, who managed 52.



Amy Hughes is off and running on her 53 marathons challenge

Qualified solicitor praised by boss

ONE of Oswestry's largest law firms has announced the qualification of another trainee solicitor.

Welsh speaking Simon Jones, who joined GHP legal, which has offices in Oswestry and Llangollen, at the beginning of 2013, has been admitted as a solicitor.

After gaining experience in the firm's civil litigation, employment and family departments, Mr Jones will continue as a member of the family team in the firm's Oswestry and Wrexham offices where he will build on his expertise in mental health work.

Born and raised on a farm near Mold where he continues to help out in his spare time, Mr Jones gained a law degree at the University of Bangor and completed the legal practice course at Chester College of Law.

Before starting his legal studies he worked for two years in Canada and has also spent time travelling in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

GHP Legal has a long reputation for supporting the trainee solicitor programme.

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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING



Four bedroom home with 2 acres of land

Magnolia, Cottage at Hengoed is a detached four bedroomed cottage with two acres of pasture land and countryside views.
It is for sale through Halls Estate Agents at £495,000 with no chain.
The bright and airy accommodation includes two large reception rooms, the formal living room has triple aspect views, a log burning stove and French doors leading out to the gardens. The family room is duel aspect, has a wood burning stove with a slate hearth and an oak floor.
The kitchen/dining room has an extensive range of high gloss cream units with brushed stainless steel door furniture and fitted appliances. The dining area which provides an ideal entertaining area with French doors leading out to the Cottage Gardens. There is also a utility room and cloakroom, master bedroom with en suite and three further bedrooms served by a family bathroom. The grounds have been landscaped and provide a parking and turning area, double garage and cottage gardens. For further information contact Halls Estate Agents on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsgb.com









Property offering a great investment opportunity

On the market with JJ Dell & Co for £265,000, number 52-54 Salop Road, Oswestry comprises valuable investment properties of mixed commercial and residential use, with parking and planning permission for conversion of an extra residential unit.
There are two one-bed apartments, one four-bed apartment (which could be split), three two-bed apartments, and a shop with planning permission to convert into a pair of two-bed flats. Call JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk



Buyers need to be quick to snap up homes with extras

Quick-off-the-mark home-hunters can snap up one of the last two homes remaining for sale at Taylor Wimpey's nearly sold-out Willmott Meadow development in Wem.
The magnificent five-bedroom 'Lichfield' and four-bedroom 'Heydon' detached houses are both priced at £299,995, including a fantastic package of extras.
To stand a chance of securing one of the final two homes at Willmott Meadow, property-seekers should visit the Sales Centre, off Whitchurch Road, Wem, open Thursday to Monday from 11am to 5pm. Call 01939 550193.

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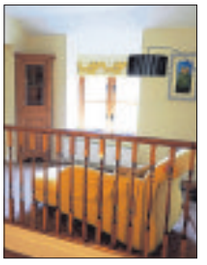



Cosy four-bedroom country cottage has its own paddock

If the name Laburnum Cottage conjures a picture of a country cottage, surrounded by fields and with inglenook, woodstove and beams, you won't be disappointed. Not to mention the paddock and field shelter.
Three miles from Oswestry in the hamlet of Gwern y Brenin, Laburnum Cottage provides four bedrooms, including a master room with en-suite. There is a spacious kitchen with beams and character, plus a snug offering a cosy atmosphere with brick inglenook.Laburnum Cottage is marked with a guide price of £399,950, for more information call Clemmie Radcliffe on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk

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Rural smallholding includes lovely former stone farmhouse

Home hunters seeking a change of lifestyle in a quiet, rural setting with glorious views and abundant wildlife are being encouraged to check out a smallholding on offer with agents Halls for £475,000.
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Halls






Spacious detached house very handy for town centre

A modern four-bedroom detached house within walking distance of Oswestry town centre is sale at £249,950. Number 9 Llanforda Mead includes a porch, reception hall, cloakroom, spacious sitting room with patio doors to the garden, dining room, good-sized dining kitchen and a laundry. Upstairs are four bedrooms, one en-suite, and a family bathroom. To the front, a wide driveway leads to a garage/workshop, and there is a private lawned garden with patio, fish pond, greenhouse and shed to the rear. Call JJ Dell on 01691 653437 to arrange a viewing.

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Smartly kept four-bed home on the edge of the centre

A three-storey semi on the fringe of Chirk is for sale with Town & Country.
Well maintained throughout, 5 Chirk Green Gardens includes a hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, four bedrooms, one en-suite, main bathroom, garage and utility.
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Bronygarth £225,000

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- A residential smallholding comprising a 3 Bedroom Cottage & Outbuildings standing in 1.68 acres
- Situated in the picturesque hamlet of Bronygarth with stunning views over the Ceiriog Valley and towards Chirk Castle.
- In need of some renovation works. Outbuildings, gardens, orchard & 2 paddocks. EPC F



NEW

Heritage Way, Llanymynech £169,995

- Well presented Detached Family Home constructed approx. 6 years ago
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, 3 First Floor Bedrooms
- (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom.
- Low maintenance gardens with paved and decked areas
- Tarmac driveway and garage and off-road parking
- Double glazing and propane gas central heating. EPC Rating



NEW

Yew Tree Drive, Whittington £199,995

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Standing in a generous corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac location
- Entrance Porch, Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good size gardens to rear & side
- Large paved patio providing an outdoor entertainment area
- Large driveway, garage, timber garden shed & greenhouse
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating



NEW

Welsh Walls, Oswestry £123,995

- Deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Townhouse
- Situated within walking distance of Oswestry town centre.
- Views of Cae Glas Park and off-road parking.
- Good size rooms along with a number of original features.
- Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch/Utility Room
- 1st Flr Bedroom & Bathroom, 2nd Flr Bedroom & adjoining Nursery/Study
- Lawned garden& patio to rear, driveway parking to front. Gas C/H, EPC Rating E



NEW

Berwyn Drive, St Martins £189,995

- A spacious and well presented Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location close to village centre
- Ground Floor Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom
- A Bedroom that could be used as a Dining Room/Study
- 2 further Bedrooms on the first floor
- Good size corner plot with well maintained gardens & off-road parking
- Double glazing, gutters and fascia boards, Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



NEW

Wilfred Owen Close, Oswestry £80,000

- A ground floor apartment in a prominent historic building
- Close to the centre of the popular market town of Oswestry
- Ent Hall, Open plan Kitchen/Living area, Large bedroom & Bathroom
- Communal garden/drying area and car parking
- An ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investment purchaser
- Gas C/H and uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating C



NEW

Berwyn Drive, St Martins £225,000

- A spacious and well presented 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms and a Luxury Bathroom.
- Large paved garden with raised decking area to the rear
- Views towards the Welsh border at the fore
- Off-road parking and access to a secure garage to the front
- Gas c/h, uPVC D/G, fascias & soffits and alarm system. EPC Rating C



NEW

Bronygarth Road, Weston Rhyn £180,000

- Deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow
- Situated within an elevated position
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Wet room.
- Good sized low maintenance gardens to the front & rear
- Tarmac driveway, ample off road parking and a garage
- Part uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



Fernhill Lane, Gobowen £99,950

- A rare opportunity to purchase a single building plot
- The property has the benefit of Full Planning Permission (subject to the completion of a Section 106 Agreement) for a 4 bedroom dormer bungalow
- Open plan Kitchen/Dining/Living area, 2 ground floor Bedrooms
- (1 Ensuite), Shower room, Garage and 2 first floor Bedroom and Bathroom
- The proposed property will stand within good sized gardens with ample off road parking.



Park Avenue, Oswestry £129,995

- Deceptively spacious and well maintained Mid-Terrace Property
- With a host of original features
- Dining Rm leading into Lounge
- Kitchen, 2 Beds, Bathrm
- Good size rear garden
- raised patio area and outside stores
- D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



Penyfoel, Llanymynech £278,000

- Unique opportunity to purchase a country property in an elevated position
- With spectacular views over the Shropshire borders
- Fully renovated with flexible living accommodation
- Mainly set on the first floor to take full advantage of the views
- Utility Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and Ground Floor Living Room/Study
- Within excellent landscaped gardens. D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating E



Abraham Court, Oswestry £130,000

- Well positioned 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Retirement Apartment
- The property has the advantage of dual aspect windows
- Having direct access onto the communal gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom 1
- Bedroom 2/Dining Room and Bathroom
- House Manager, Careline System, Resident's Lounge
- Laundry & Guest Suite. Communal car park. EPC Rating C



NEW PRICE

Potential Building Plot, Gobowen £47,500

- A potential building plot situated within the village of Gobowen.
- A pre-application to Shropshire Council has been made, who have indicated that the proposed development would be acceptable
- The site currently extends to approximately 205 square metres, measuring 18 metres x 11 metres average across the plot.



Daywell crescent, Gobowen £127,500

- Spacious 3 bedroom Semi-Detached property
- Property has been improved by the current owners
- Lounge, Large Kitchen/Dining Rm, Rear Lobby/Utility
- Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Lawned gardens, large graveled parking area
- Gas C/H and uPVC D/G. EPC Rating D



Old St Martins Rd, Gobowen £90,000

- Spacious and comfortable End-of-Terrace House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen
- Family Bathroom, Two Excellent Bedrooms
- Enclosed lawned garden to the rear
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating
- EPC Rating E



Primrose Lane, Pant £179,995

- Rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Country Cottage
- Set in 0.17 of an acre of gardens
- Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Rm & 2 First Floor Beds
- Large landscaped gardens with vegetable plots
- Recently installed Oil C/H & majority uPVC windows. EPC Rating D



Cherry Tree Drive, St Martins £119,950

- Well appointed & deceptively spacious Semi-Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, 2 Bedrooms & bathroom
- Good size driveway with off-road parking, carport & garage
- Low maintenance private garden to rear
- D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



St Martins Rd, Gobowen £40,000

- Commercial property extending to approx 350 sq. ft. (32 sq. m.)
- Could be used for a host of future uses
- (subject to any necessary planning consents)
- Main Shop, Office, Kitchenette and Cloakrm
- The property is situated with a cul-de-sac location
- Close to the main line railway station & shops

Halls 1845



Stone House, Hengoed
Set in the heart of a Shropshire hamlet this delightful family home has been extended and tastefully renovated to provide a character home which is complimented by contemporary interiors and luxury fixtures. Equestrian enthusiasts will note the excellent facilities and garden enthusiasts will appreciate the grounds whilst the property also provides a beautiful family home. EPC Rating D.





Price: £750,000
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OC3911

Plas Cerrig, Wern
Price: £499,950

This extraordinary detached family home dates back to approx 1810. The property is complimented by a detached annexe and delightful gardens. Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Pantry, Utility, WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. Annexe - Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Bedrooms. Garaging, Workshops, Store Rooms, Landscaped Gardens, Parking. EPC E.

Contact Oswestry



OC3966

The Meads, Weston Rhyn
Price: £124,950

This three bedroom end of terrace family home is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location and back out onto open countryside. The property benefits from a delightful conservatory and cottage gardens. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and has UPVC double glazing. Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Large Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garage/Utility, Lovely Gardens, Parking. EPC Rating D.

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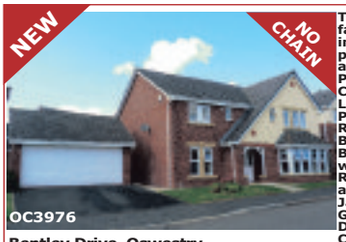


Pen Y Parc, Moelfre
This delightful character cottage is situated in a most enchanting rural position, secluded but not isolated. Offering three bedrooms, three reception rooms and a potential annexe (subject to planning consent). The grounds extend to 4.5 acres and offer excellent equestrian features, accompanied with the well established cottage gardens, this property with undoubtedly be of interest to keen gardeners and those with equestrian interests.





Price: £415,000
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OC3976

Bentley Drive, Oswestry
Price: £284,950

This spacious detached family home is situated in a sought after and popular residential area. Covered Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Sitting Room/ Playroom, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Bathroom, Bedroom Two with Ensuite Shower Room, Bedroom Three and Four served by Jack and Jill Bathroom, Gardens, Parking, Detached Double Garage. CH & DG. EPC Rating D.

Contact Oswestry



Magnolia Cottage, Hengoed
A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached cottage situated in a rural location with open country views with 2 acres of pasture land. The house is bright and airy and comprises two large reception rooms, kitchen dining room, utility room and cloakroom, master bedroom with ensuite and three further bedrooms served by a family bathroom. The grounds have been landscaped, parking, double garage, cottage gardens. EPC Rating D.





Price: £495,000
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OC3793

Cefn Glaniwrch Cottage, Llanrhaeadr
Price: Region £212,500

This three bedroom detached cottage is situated down a quiet country lane close to the village of Llanrhaeadr and only 11 miles from Oswestry. This cottage offers characterful accommodation which dates back to 1850 (or thereabouts) with original features in each room. The property also offers great potential as a perfect holiday cottage, second home or let. The accommodation is warmed by oil fired central heating EPC E.

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OC3962

Broadlands Way, Oswestry
Price: £184,950

This THREE DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED family home is situated in a sought after residential location with excellent schools and a bus route nearby. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC CH & DG. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, WC, Bedroom with Ensuite, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom, Garage, Parking, Workshop, Gardens. EPC D.

Contact Oswestry



OC3967

Berllan Deg, Llansantffraid
Price: £149,950

A three bedroom semi detached family home situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village. This property is warmed by central heating and benefits from double glazing. Reception Hall, WC, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Two further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Parking for Three Cars, Garage, Front Garden, Rear Garden. EPC C.

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OC3930

Greylands, Chirk Green
Price: £139,995

This period detached bungalow is situated in a popular residential area of this sought after town. The property retains many original features. Reception Hall, Inner Hallway, Kitchen, Rear Hallway, WC, Lounge, Three Bedrooms or Three Reception Rooms, Garage, Ample Parking, Gardens to Front and Rear. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. EPC Rating E.

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Barn, Tower Hill, Selattyn
Price: Offers over £155,000

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached barn with FULL PLANNING PERMISSION. Dwelling home set in 1.5 acres. 'Conversion of redundant barn to one dwelling to include erection of two-storey rear extension; change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage; erection of replacement garage and replacement workshop; replacement roof to outbuilding; installation of package treatment plant'. 14/00196/FUL

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OC3899

Wern, Nr Selattyn
Price: £305,000

A lovely executive detached family home situated in semi rural location with open countryside views to the front and rear elevations. This spacious family home is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation and position. Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Lloyd Street, Oswestry
Price: £139,950

This three bedroom mid terrace home was built in 1899 and boats many original features from the Victorian era. Elegant Reception Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room/ Dining Room, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garden. The property is warmed by central heating and benefits from double glazed windows. Located within a lovely area of similar style properties and overlooks a Green. EPC E.

Contact Oswestry



OC3964

Eden Street, Oswestry
Price: £89,950

This end of terrace two bedroom property provides an ideal opportunity for an investment or first time purchaser. Located within walking distance to Oswestry Town with the added benefit of gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazed windows. Lounge Dining Room, Rear Entrance Hall, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Front Garden and Rear Yard. Available for sale with NO CHAIN.

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OC3969

Llys Close, Oswestry
Price: £84,000

An ideal first time or investment purchase. Covered Entrance Porch, Lounge with gas fire, Kitchen with fitted units and oven, First Floor Landing with store cupboard, Double Bedroom with fitted wardrobe, Bathroom fitted with a three piece white suite, Car Parking, Garden, Garden Shed. The property benefits from double glazing and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location. Current EPC E

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YOUNG looking 43 yr old single brunette female, Staffordshire, likes animals, the countryside, meals out and cosy nights in Wltm single male 30-40 for friendship maybe more and to help mend my broken heart. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4457647**

SONYA slim attractive vibrant lady with GSOH, social nature, fit/active, WLTM N/S male up to 60yrs for romantic genuine respectful relationship, loving. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413441**

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EMMA petite slim blue eyed blonde 22yrs, likes cinema, dancing/music, just chillin, seeking easygoing male for fun and good times but nothing serious. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413207**

ANNA, busty mature lady seeks no strings discreet meetings with male any age or location. **Tel No: 0905 002 1956 Box 366019**

FELICITY professional female, 32yrs, blonde, curvy, fun. Travels a lot and wltm chap for occasional fun on my travels. **Text only Box: 4459438**

EUROPEAN beauty romantic, caring, attentive, looking for loving male to enjoy warm loving relationship with, call me to find out more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413013**

KAREN 34 blue/green eyed size 12 attractive brunette who loves pubs, cosy nights in, kids, seeking special honest guy/dad for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413005**

CHRISTINA, curvy beauty, 27yrs, own home, very very adventurous seeks no strings fun and frolics. Can accommodate and will answer all calls. **Tel No: 0905 002 1957 Box 410127**

ROSA 27 sexy senorita seeking older handsome prince charming to whisk me off my feet, enjoy fun times, improve my English and fall in love with. Age/race unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412927**

RITA attractive blonde with a very kind heart seeks special man to share my life with. Please get in touch if like me you are fed up with always being the single friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412987**

ZOE, 25yrs, very naughty seeks man any age for broad minded no strings fun and games. **Tel No: 0905 002 1933 Box 409719**

JAN 5ft8ins slim pretty lady in great shape, open-minded, laidback, GSOH, OHAC, many interests, WLTM someone for cuddling up with and to share good and bad times. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412931**

ANN slim attractive N/S lady who is easy to get along with, looking for romantic interesting man for new adventures together, hopefully ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412911**

LUCY beautiful busty bubbly blonde 32yrs, seeking naughty boy to enjoy the fun side of life with, age, status and looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411691**

SUE, 38yrs, passionate, broadminded and feisty seeks discreet fun with "mr wrong". Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box 413007**

JULIE loving, caring, honest, seeks real gent to share conversation and have a great time, friendship/relationship, who knows? **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412777**

SALLY stunning lady looking for dinner dates, partying and generally having a good time with generous man looking for his mojo! No strings, go on call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412599**

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ATTRACTIVE slim brunette, 47, N/S, seeks tall, slim male for a cut above the average relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412725**

KAREN pretty blonde, short in stature, big personality, keeps fit, loves dogs, seeking honest, caring male who can make me laugh. Nothing too serious just fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412377**

JEAN petite female who enjoys golf, days out, cosy evenings in, holidays, WLTM older male in his 60's with a good personality and big heart. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412359**

JULIE really fun loving slim pretty female 38 looking for nice guy to go out with, get to know and hopefully enjoy a relationship with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411517**

GWENDOLINE honest, trustworthy, seeks caring gent who enjoys cinema, theatre, holidays and nights out for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412293**

DIANE voluptuous curvy and all woman, loves dancing, walking, cosy nights in, WLTM nice man for friendship, hopefully leading to something more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412321**

SARA bored blonde looking for single gents for fun, chats and meets, looking forward to hearing from you, don't be shy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412055**

EMMA petite young looking 31yr old attractive single brunette, loves walking, talking, music, seeks honest romantic 30-40yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412037**

ANNABELL 29 slim sophisticated well travelled interesting sensual fit brunette with lots to offer seeks older male to appreciate and treat me well. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412177**

KAREN slim, tall, attractive 36yr old normal female who likes shopping, socialising, nights in/out seeking thoughtful genuine male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412041**

KIM 25yrs feminine, pretty, big blue eyes, GSOH, varied interests, likes romantic beach walks, cosy nights in, seeking honest loving man for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411777**

CAROL young 47, caring, loyal, likes music, concerts, cinema, theatre, seeks male with similar interests for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411919**

PROFESSIONAL black lady, likes cooking, music, countryside, seeking honest, reliable gent, possibly farmer for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411763**

VICKY 37yr professional, mum to one, sensual and very attractive, looking for a real man, tall, fit, sincere and passionate to enjoy each other's company. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411695**

SUSAN 64, lively, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **0906 500 3724 Box No: 411329**

LINDA single and living alone, attractive, young looking, bubbly, WLTM similar young at heart companion to be close with, enjoy chats and romantic dates. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410119**

WIDOW 68, 5ft 5ins, medium build, attractive, likes walks, reading, holidays, seeks sincere, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411745**

JEAN young at heart lady, active, 70 plus, N/S, GSOH, likes walks, gardening, outings, WLTM sincere, caring male, 69-74 for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411711**

TINA sexy black female looking for healthy distractions with fun adult companion, interested? You won't be disappointed, give me a call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411519**

LYNNE young looking attractive Indian female with GSOH and down to earth attitude, looking for likeminded male for date nights, hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411219**

EMMIE 50, attractive brunette, 5ft 3ins, OHAC, likes country walks, music, reading, seeks genuine, friendly, professional male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411281**

RETIRED happy, caring, attractive female, likes gardening, travel, animals, comedy, seeks tall, funny, kind chap, Shropshire. **0906 500 3724 Box No: 411459**

RITA naughty 40's petite pretty female looking for that special man in my life, any age, to get to know and see what happens, you only live once remember! **0906 500 3724 Box No: 410959**

SUE 34, likes most things in life, even football! Looking for my Mr Wonderful thought I would give this a try. Come on what do we have to loose, call me. **0906 500 3724 Box No: 410765**

CAROL slim attractive blonde, sporty easy going, broadminded looking for likeminded male with plenty of va va voom, 35-45. **0906 500 3724 Box No: 409717**

SUE 38, attractive broadminded attentive, enjoys meals in/out etc, not necessarily looking for Mr Right as Mr Wrong or even Mr Right now could be fun! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411049**

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KATHERINE 35yr old outgoing single female looking to enjoy dates with similar male also looking for fun times in or out. Age, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410565**

PAULINE attractive divorced female with no ties, employed with my own home, likes nights in/out, lots of tlc to give to the right person, call me for a chat, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411039**

JEN attractive sensual petite blonde with OHAC seeks confident fit professional male to enjoy and share good times, if that's you pls get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410949**

ARE you dark or bald, with hairy chest, well built, educated, verbal, articulate dom or sub, broadminded and ready to be put in your place? Curious to find out more? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410637**

29YR old black beautiful busty tall loving very sensual lady, likes football, making friends, seeking genuine white male for enjoyable loving relationship. Pls no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410577**

YOUNG early 40's female, GSOH, kind, caring, considerate, seeks male for friendship, possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410847**

CAROL 38 attractive romantic not looking for fairy tales just happy endings, seeking lovely male to put the sparkle back into my life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410721**

CLAIRE voluptuous tall feminine attractive lady who loves good company, fine wine/food, travel, WLTM tall professional for romance dates and hopeful ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410627**

MICHELLE 37, looking for laughter fun and romance with the right guy, if you could be him and have nothing to loose call me for a chat. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410415**

TAYLOR 21 black beautiful classy intelligent, loves to have lots of fun and enjoy life to the full, seeking mature guy to make me happy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409911**

WENDY 50, blue eyes, 5ft 7ins, likes music, meals out, seeks white male, 45-55 with similar interests and GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410499**

73YR old Hereford lady, GSOH, young at heart, many interests, seeks caring, genuine gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410331**

NICKY bubbly curvy fun blonde, varied interests, enjoys meals out, holidays, seeking N/S male with GSOH for possible ltr. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410479**

KAREN 32 a hardworking petite blonde, enjoys nights out, music, etc, WLTM for more than just friendship with similar chilled, kind, easy going guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410461**

LIZ 5ft 7ins, attractive, outgoing, likes walks, dogs, cooking, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410395**

ZOE 25 long haired sensual female, very naughty, broadminded and open, looking for similar fun guy for uncomplicated adult meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409719**

JANE attractive, feminine open-minded mature female genuinely looking for adult fun. No time wasters please. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409715**

JILL 50, attractive, 5ft, blonde, own home, no ties, likes films, reading, travel, music, good social circle, seeking that someone special. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410105**

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, 56, enjoys country walks, meals out, seeks professional gent with GSOH to enjoy the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409895**

ELAINE attractive 39yr old blonde single mum seeking respectful male/dad with similar interests for adult friendship, hopefully leading to love. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 410117**

DONNA 27yrs blue eyed blonde with cute dimpled smile, loves socialising but looking for that special someone with GSOH to cuddle up with, enjoy fun/good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409733**

MARGARET OHAC, professional, sincere, adventurous, loving, kind, solvent lady who enjoys most things WLTM caring male with similar refined tastes. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 407925**

ATTRACTIVE 49yr old divorced lady, looking for honest, reliable man for LTR, 49-60. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409955**

ABBA girl blonde lookalike, size 16, attractive, bubbly, OHAC, seeking solvent, refined, handsome guy with full head of hair, 5ft 9ins plus, professional and courteous. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409151**

NEETA Black beauty, classy, intelligent 21yrs, loves to enjoy life, have lots of fun and be spoilt, give me a call. Any age, looks and status. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409101**

HI I'm Jo, first timer, newly divorced perfect size 10, blonde, attractive, tactile and looking to fall in love again. Age unimportant, dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409089**

SUSIE 32yr old nurse who likes cosy nights in with a good bottle of wine and spending quality times with great company, if you feel the same pls get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408877**

BABS 27yrs slender with dark haired passionate Italian who loves to dance, eat out, looking for nice n/s male to spend quality adult time with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 407943**



BUBBLY 60 plus lady, slim, fair hair, comfy in jeans and leather jacket, seeks similar male for friendship etc. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408859**

JOANNA 34, in need of tlc, wining, dining being treated like the princess I am, looking for sugar daddy, that someone special to love me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408869**

MARIA gorgeous outgoing bbw 27, good fun, caring, romantic, looking for that special someone to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408733**

KIM attractive single lady new to area looking for meet new friends and maybe a new love interest. I have many hobbies and am interesting to know, pls call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408489**

TAYLOR attractive very busty curvy black female looking for fun times with open-minded male who is also looking for fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408311**

BETHANY 25yr old blonde, slim size 10 with great personality, looking for nice guy to share my life with, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 408253**

KIRSTY blonde blue eyed size 12 nurse, enjoys cosy nights, driving, holidays, socialising, WLTM broadminded male for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409259**

KATH blonde independent female, employed with OHAC looking for fun and laughter with likeminded nice easy going male, any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 407955**

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LONELY male, disabled, would like to meet male or female for company. Likes animals, visiting historical places, karaoke. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4172884**

FUN loving easy going guy, 30, tall dark and handsome, looking for an older woman who likes good times and fun. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4453744**

ADVENTUROUS 32yr old slim, dark haired, creative, likes music, cycling and photography, seeks likeminded female to share fun and happiness with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 352753**

BLACK guy 68, feels 45, looks 40, seeks female, 58-71, GSOH, genuine, caring for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413375**

TALL Indian gent, 53, seeks sensual lady for friendship plus, interesting chap, discreet days in and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413315**

JOHN 70, tall, slim, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413183**

GENT widower, late 60's, looks younger, GSOH, likes music, good food, country pursuits, seeks female, 50-60 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413173**

TONY young looking 50's male, 5ft 8ins, many interests, easy going, seeks slim rock chick or similar for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413275**

6FT 1ins slim, dark hair, likes walking, animals, seeking medium build female, 60-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413193**

JEFF young 62, N/S, tall, fit, energetic, seeking new female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413053**

JOHN 5ft 10ins, slim, GSOH, various interests, seeks female for friendship/relationship, 35-52. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413107**

RETIRED male, seeking no strings adult fun and frolics, discretion assured, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413067**

TONY young looking 50, 5ft 8ins, slim, seeks slim rock chick, trendy for dates and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413049**

KEVIN 53, looking for a friend/partner and a lover. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412869**

NORTH Shropshire male, 67, N/S, solvent, GSOH, likes walks, travel, music, holidays, countryside, seeks N/S lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412867**

MAURICE gentleman, 59, gentle, kind, caring, loving, generous, seeks lady with GSOH and similar personality, slim-medium build. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412859**

MALE seeking female companion for outings, friendship and holidays. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412705**

STEPHEN 58, good looking, likes art, travel, seeking female, 50 plus for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412633**

MALCOLM 61, smoker, great personality, likes coach holidays, drives, pubs, meals out, nights out, 60's music, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412523**

TONY 52, dark hair, white male, 6ft, confident, GSOH, seeks black female. Genuine ad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412481**

TALL 42yr old sincere male, caring, honest, loving, seeking female, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412483**

ALAN tall widower, 76, looking for female of similar age who enjoys meals out, holidays, walks and holidays. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412261**

ROY mid 60's, N/S, car driver, young outlook, seeks lady for friendship. West Bromwich area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412083**

TALL slim gent, 60, seeks slim, attractive lady for no strings relationship. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412227**

IAN 65, romantic, likes to wine/dine, days out, seeking younger female for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412087**

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Veronica Aggrey, Dhanya Mathew and Margaret Howell man the bottle stall at The Court birthday event



May Lunt, Anna Prichard, Peter and Wendy Cherrington, and Avril Jones



A toast to May Lunt and Avril Jones for services to The Court



Julia Duke and Katie Williams take time for tea and cakes

Care home's birthday

A care home has celebrated its 25th anniversary with a garden party and awards have been presented to two members of staff who have worked there throughout that time.

The celebrations were held at The Court in West Felton, near Oswestry when certificates were presented to carers May Lunt and Avril Jones for their efforts as part of the festivities.

The centre in Threadneedle Street was converted into a residential home by its then owner

Report by Sue Austin

Joy Roddy in 1989 and subsequently became a nursing home.

It has seen several owners over the quarter century and is now owned by Akaricare.

But manager, Anna Prichard said that what hadn't changed had been the commitment and hard work of the staff employed at The Court.

Mrs Prichard said: "The home has always had a good reputation for providing a high standard of care and this has continued to the present day. We are very proud of our achievements to date.

"As a manager I am so proud to be part of a dedicated and committed team."

During the garden party two carers who were present at the birth of the care home and, Mrs Prichard said, had played a huge part in its success, were honoured.

"May Lunt and Avril Jones have played a huge part in The Court's success and continue to show their comment to the home," she said.

They were presented with certificates by Oswestry's deputy mayor Peter Cherrington and with flowers and gifts by Tony Stein, director of Akaricare.

The garden party raised £750, some of which will go to the residents' comfort fund.



May Lunt and Avril Jones cut the cake at the birthday party

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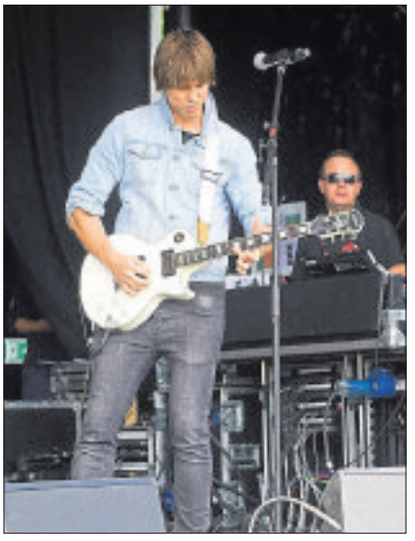
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FESTIVAL IS A BIG HIT



Amanda McCarroll gets some refreshments



Music fans gather to watch the bands on the main stage at Osfest



Crowds watch bands like Nina Nesbitt Union J and Foxes at Osfest on Sunday



Nina Nesbitt plays the guitar



Union J take to the stage at Osfest

ORGANISERS of a hugely popular county music festival had to move hundreds of people away from its main arena when high winds from ex-hurricane Bertha threatened to make the stage unstable.

It was another test for Osfest organisers, who also dealt with the disappointment of acts pulling out of the two-day event at the 11th hour.

But despite the setbacks the event was praised by music fans who said staff had coped well with the emergencies. When winds picked up on the Oswestry Showground on Sunday afternoon crowds enjoying chart artist Elyar Fox were asked by an annoucer to move away from the main stage.

Lynn Hughes from Oswestry was at the event with her daughter and grandson.

She said: "The stage had apparently become unstable and we were all moved to the area by the funfair.

"Elyar Fox was brilliant – he came across and did an acoustic set for us."

"Then we went over to the Capital Radio bus and they played music for us until we could go back to the main stage. There was a real Dunkirk spirit among the crowd.

"It was all done very calmly."

But there was disappointment that a number of acts never made it to the event.

Paloma Faith became the first act to pull out, deciding instead to appear on the BBC show Saturday Kitchen.

Then there was further bad news when Bruce Foxton's 'From the Jam' cancelled after the guitarist broke his arm.

And at 4pm on Sunday Osfest released the following statement: "We are devastated to announce that Conor Maynard has just informed us that he has laryngitis and will not be performing this evening."

Mrs Hughes said: "When we heard that Connor Maynard had pulled out, I felt so sorry for Osfest. The organisers work so hard to put on an event for Shropshire and there is nothing they can do about the weather or acts cancelling last minute."

Fellow Osfest ticket holder Suzanne Weetman said she was disappointed with the acts who had let down the organisers.

She said: "Osfest tries so hard to put on a festival for the area and for Paloma Faith to let us down and then From the Jam at the last minute and Connor Maynard.

"It was so disappointing. But the other acts have made up for it."

Mother, Kellie Graham said of Connor Maynard: " What about all the young girls who were there wanting to see him, who had been waiting all day in this weather?

"I had a devastated 15 year old crying down the phone wanting to come home. Bigger stars than him have carried on with laryngitis."

A statement from Osfest said: "We are as disappointed as everyone else with the news of Connor Maynard's non appearance."

X Factor star, Luke Friend held a meet and greet for fans after his appearance on stage. He said: "The fans were so amazing.

Osfest proved that music has no age barrier when bands from across the decades took to the stage at the weekend.

From current acts to 80s star Toyah and the 1970s group The Bay City Rollers acts drew praise from the crowds.

And even the remnants of hurricane Bertha proved more of a damp squib, to the relief of campers and organisers.

Thousands of music lovers enjoyed the two day event, the fifth Osfest to be held at the Oswestry Showground.

Saturday's hot sunny weather was a bonus and festival

Report by Sue Austin



Foxes wows the crowds on Sunday



Nina Nesbitt was a big hit at Osfest



Josh Cuthbert of Union J entertains



George Shelly of Union J on stage at Osfest

DESPITE THE WINDS



Erin Williams, Georgia Kirkham, Emily Rhodes, Holly George, Molly Evans from Oswestry at the festival



Nina Nesbitt fans at Osfest



Luke Friend was a huge success



Members of Treacherous Dogs perform on the main stage



Crowds enjoy the fun at Osfest desite Sunday's weather

favourites, The Hoosiers praised the crowds who braved a brief downpour on Saturday night to sing along to their favourite tracks like Cops and Robbers and Worried about Ray.

Bass player Martin said: "They were brilliant. They were out in the rain while we were under cover. But they were really hardcore. "

He said the band finished recording their new album last year and had been to several festivals this summer.

Hoosiers fan, Rhys Garner, 16, from Oswestry said it had been his dream to see the band.

"I've loved them since I was little. They are an amazing band and to get close up to them talk to them and get a selfie is awesome. I am so happy right now."

His friend, Michael Rogers, 18, said: "We love Osfest, it brings bands to us instead of us having to travel to see the bands."

Members of Telford band, Fight the Dice said they were thrilled to be appearing after The Hoosiers.

"We all loved The Hoosiers when they first became known and know to be appearing at the same festival is brilliant, " Tom Worrall, 21, said.

Couples, Lesley and Ian Passey from Ellesmere and Paul and Vicky Brayne from Whittington have been to every Osfest since the event began.

"Its great for the area," Lesley said.

"We like it because it is a real family atmosphere. There are people of all ages and everyone enjoys themselves."

Toyah was one of the favourites of the Saturday crowd.

Sally Powell of Oswestry, there with her 14 year old daughter, Lois, said: "Toyah was absolutely brilliant. She did a whole hour set and really engaged the crowd. To have someone like Toyah in Oswestry is great."

"We also loved Neon Jungle and Lois got to meet them."

Suzanne Weetman said she was disappointed with the acts who had led down the organisers.

From the Jam cried off at the 11th hour after Bruce Foxton broke his wrist. And Paloma Faith's clashing contract proved to be an appearance on the BBC Saturday Kitchen television show.

Suzanne said: "Osfest tries so hard to put on a festival for the area and for Paloma Faith to let us down and then From the Jam at the last minute is disappointing. But the other acts have made up for it."

Curious

Young festival goers were more curious than excited about the appearance of Les McKeown and his new line up Bay City Rollers. But they were soon joining in with the 'oldies' singing hits like Shang-a-lang and Bye Bye Baby.

And they enjoyed a return appearance from popular rapper Wiley which closed Saturday's programme.

Oswestry company, the British Ironwork Centre teamed up with the music festival to promote its knife crime awareness campaign.

Festival goers learned more about the "Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife" project which aims to reduce the number of knives carried on the UK's streets and raise awareness of the wide and tragic impact of knife crime.

Free wristband bearing the striking campaign logo were given away and young people had the opportunity to join the .

Clive Knowles, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, said "We would like to thank the organisers of this fantastic music festival for the opportunity to raise awareness.

"It is a topic which has such a profound impact on all who are touched by it – we were able to reach out to a huge number of people to promote our positive message. Taking one knife from the streets might just save a life."

Kingfisher spotted after canal boat's engines cut

WATCHING wildlife is often a rather hit and miss affair.

There are of course ways of increasing one's chances. Camouflaged clothing, long camera lens and telescopes.

For the casual observer there are of course the hides, designed to look out over the most promising sites in a woodland, over a pond or in some other quiet corner of a nature reserve.

Often when the uninitiated enter such contraptions and excitedly proclaim the view or eagerly realise a long cherished ambition to see a certain species, there is an irritable 'shhhh!' from one or other of the additional occupants. Concealment, silence and often plain old good luck, seem to be crucial ingredients to getting good views of most of the interesting species worth seeking out in the first place. But this is not always the case as I found out at the weekend.

It did cross my mind briefly, somewhere between panicking about the implications of running into someone else's barge and losing the dog over the side, that I might actually see some wildlife on our placid day-cruise up the Llangollen and Shropshire Union Canals. As soon as the engine had been switched on however, all thoughts went out the window, or porthole.

The soft chugging of a typical canal boat certainly did not tally with this monster. Rather evil looking black smoke billowed out of the back (sorry, stern) and my attention was diverted to making it through the first tunnel of the trip in one piece and praying to the canal Gods that there was no other vessel approaching.

ON THE WILDSIDE
with Ben Waddams



We sluggishly and embarrassingly careered, careened and generally zigzagged along the waterway and any wildlife that might have been present, was sensibly keeping well out of our way. We eventually made it up to the meres past Ellesmere without having a mechanical or nervous breakdown and moored up for lunch. As soon as the engine was cut, I could not only hear again but a piercing whistle made itself apparent and was shortly followed by a kingfisher. We spent our picnic lunch watching two of these beautiful birds flying, calling and fishing between Blakemere and the canal itself.I was not expecting to see anything more but as we rounded a bend a little further downstream, we picked out a figure on the towpath. Even given the glorious weather and the school holidays, the canals in the north of the county are almost devoid of human beings and indeed this was no person walking slowly towards us. It was a heron and by the looks of it, a young bird. Having visited the herons on The Mere at Ellesmere earlier on in the year, this leggy creature yet to form its full gamut of adult plumage was quite probably one of the youngsters I had spied from the visitor centre in early spring.

Ben's artwork can be seen at Callaghan's Fine Paintings, Shrewsbury.



Spotting interesting wildlife can be down to plain good luck

Dream match on stage for project group's mayhem

SHAKESPEARE'S comedies are perfect vehicles for the array of talents which have assembled under the banner of Oswestry Drama Project.

And none are a more perfect match than a Midsummer Night's Dream, which was performed at the rear of the Old Vaults in Oswestry and at Chirk Castle by a company drawn from various groups around the town.

The cast of around 30, whose ages ranged from around seven to nearly 70, had perfect summer conditions to spin their tale of romance, magic and mayhem.

Within the play, the group usually known as the mechanicals, who are themselves preparing to perform a play, carry much of the comedy and Larry Collins, as Peter Quince, made a frustrated director, much undermined by the excellent Nick Chesters, Harry Ford, Chris Moore-Bridger, Jonathan Walkey and Ian Collings with his dog Dino.

The star-crossed lovers, India Watson, Morgan Buswell, Dominic Ryder and Katy Emerson with Debra Watson as Hermia's mother, formed another segment of the play and their deceptively natural movements bore the evidence of the hours of hard work put in during rehearsals.

The woodland scenes involving the 'supernaturals' also worked well with Sander Van Der Horst and April Ryder as king and queen of the fairies with Shaun Higgins as the delightfully anarchistic Puck.

Interweaving the scenes were capricious band of fairies with the expressive Katie Bird as Peaseblossom, July Walkey as Cobweb, Francesca Williams as Mustardseed and Elly Clark as Moth.

With all that going on, the roles of Theseus, Duke of Athens and Hippolyta, Queen of Amazons (Malcolm Lord and Christine Hughes) kept the play grounded in some sort of reality which allowed the magic and mayhem to flow around them.

An almost flawless performance on the Thursday night at the rear of the Old Vaults was much appreciated by a large audience.

Other parts were played by Rhys Davies, Gabi Edge, Jade Isherwood, Mishia James, Jonas Peartson-Wright, Elsa Van Der Horst, Max Van Der Horst, Fleur Watson, Cai Williams and Lucy Williams. The director was Debbie Glenn.

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Workers' tribute to help hospice

STAFF at a school have raised more than £1,000 in memory of a colleague by taking on a charity weight loss challenge.

Since mid-May staff at The Marches School in Oswestry have been running fundraising activities for the Severn Hospice in memory of teaching assistant Barbara Mainwaring, who died in May.

Activities launched with a Press-Up-Athon which raised £387 followed by a Lose Seven Pounds for Severn Hospice challenge, which finished last week.

Thirty staff signed up to take part in this summer challenge and raised £1,165.

During the challenge, staff took part in weigh-ins every Friday, and the final weigh took place on the last day of the summer term. Prizes were presented to the biggest losers.

Headteacher Sarah Longville said: "Barbara was a diamond who always sparkled."

Barbara worked at the school for 28 years, starting as a dinner supervisor before becoming a teaching assistant and then a personal assistant to the Senco.

Teaching assistant Mandy Rowe said: "As well as a friend, Barbara was a mother figure, confidant and agony aunt to many."

Can you help Geoff to run up the team list?

MEET the cricketers of Knockin Cricket Club in 1948, a club Geoff Thomas of 21 Cambrian Drive, Oswestry, 01691 654008, knows very well.

"I played for Knockin from the age of 14, being persuaded by my schoolmaster at Kinnerley, Mr George Morris. I can name most players in the photo," said Geoff.

by Toby Neal

"Back row, from left, are Alec Turner (farmer); Ossie Bound (tele engineer); Dick Turner (tele engineer); Ralph Higginson (a local estate agent); David Bell; and umpire Mr Bell.

"On the front, the first I'm not sure about but it could be Stan Preece; with bat, Ron Whittingson (farmer); Frank Williams (farmer/plumber); Ces Franklin (tele egineer); not known; and I think Ken Allen, who was a schoolteacher.

"Games were played at that time on a friendly basis on Saturdays, some Sundays, and Thursday evenings. The pitch those days was a wired off square in the field opposite the present nursery ground.

"The pavilion was under the oak trees opposite the sand hole where teas were served by wives and girlfriends of the players. One of the annual matches was against Oswestry 2nd XI home and away on Bank Holiday Mondays at Whit and in August.

"As a footnote, I was one of four people who moved the old pavilion to the new site on the nursery grounds where they served the club until they recently built a new clubhouse.

"Knockin was renamed Knockin & Kinnerley and had many very good and keen players of all occupations.

"Here are a few from memory – Stan Jones, a spin bowler; George Morris, wicketkeeper; Dr Symondson was an all-rounder; Johnny Jackson was wicketkeeper; and batsmen Bill Hitchen, Tom Nicholas, and Geoff Lewis, and there were many good youngsters like Gordon Harris, Roy Evans, and Stan Jones' son."



Knockin Cricket Club, 1948. Can you identify the missing names?

NEWS in brief

Playgroup praised after inspection

A pre-school playgroup on has been rated as "good" by government inspectors, Estyn.

The group was praised by Welsh Assembly Member Ken Skates after the inspection results were published.

The Labour AM for Clwyd South paid tribute to staff at Overton Pre-School Playgroup after its current performance and prospects for future improvement were rated as "good".

Mr Skates said: "This is a really good report which the staff, parents and wider community should be proud of."

Chance to paddle canoe on canal

FAMILIES who fancy a boat trip during the summer holiday are being invited to try canoeing on one of the county's canals.

The Friends of the Montgomery Canal have canoes available to borrow with equipment so that people can explore the waterway at their leisure.

Peter Richards from the Friends said: "Canoeing is lots of fun especially in the warmer weather. We have had several people borrow the canoes to explore the recently reopened section at Pryces Bridge."

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GIG GUIDE

Ellen joins in to take centre stage with Dai



IT'S fairly quiet on the music front this week, but don't worry, because there are still some great acts worth checking out.

Royal Oak regular and fan favourite, Dai Robs will be joined by rising folk-punk upstart Ellen Cox, when he makes his return to the venue tomorrow(Friday) in Welshpool.

For those of you who haven't heard Dai before, he plays his own brand of soul tinged folk, filled with catchy hooks and intelligent lyrics.

Ellen on the other hand, fuses swing, blues and folk with the passion and DIY ethic of punk to make something wholly unique.

It's a great chance to see two of the best singer songwriters Mid Wales has to offer, so make sure you don't miss it. As always the gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Next up is one for all you blues aficionados as the extremely talented Paul Wallis will be appearing at the Lowfield Inn, Marton this Friday.

Considered one of Shropshire's finest blues guitarists, Paul impresses with his versatile guitar playing, covering everything from Jimi Hendrix to Mark Knopfler.

A veteran of the local music scene, Paul also has an excellent blues voice with a vast repertoire of classic tracks to draw on.

Whether he's wringing out some fiery blues licks on his vintage Fender Stratocaster, or playing something a bit mellower on the old acoustic, Paul never fails to entertain.

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BRAIN TRAINING

Test your mental agility. Target times, in minutes, are in the little clocks

9-er

3

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all 9 letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES

639 is an animal,
53124 is a snake,
23178 is a bird.

Your time:

X is to Y

2

1. Unreliable Memoirs is to Clive James as A Little Learning is to? GRAHAM GREENE, JOHN MORTIMER, GEORGE ORWELL, ANTHONY POWELL, EVELYN WAUGH

2. The Royal Society is to Lord Brouncker as the Royal Academy is to? THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH, GODFREY KNELLER, THOMAS LAWRENCE, JOSHUA REYNOLDS

3. William I is to France as King Cnut is to? DENMARK, FINLAND, GERMANY, NORWAY

Your time:

Mindbender

4

Lizzie's alarm clock, set on snooze, sounds every five minutes; Roger's goes off every six minutes. If both alarms sounded simultaneously at 6am, how many times will they go off together again before 7.55am?

Your time:

Mirror Image

1

Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?



A 

B 

C 

D 

Your time:

Split Decision

3

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

S P	W R	O T	Z N	D G
A O		R M		R E
V T	I O	E B	W I	A S
I E		N I		R F
S O	V C	D T	E U	S T

Your time:

IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. 'It's funny about these two invoices,' said Charlie, pointing to them on his desk. 'Each has a serial number that's one more than eight times the square of its last two digits.'
John looked. '6729? Is that just one more than eight times the square of 29?'
'Sure,' Charlie replied. 'And the other number works the same way.'
What was the other?

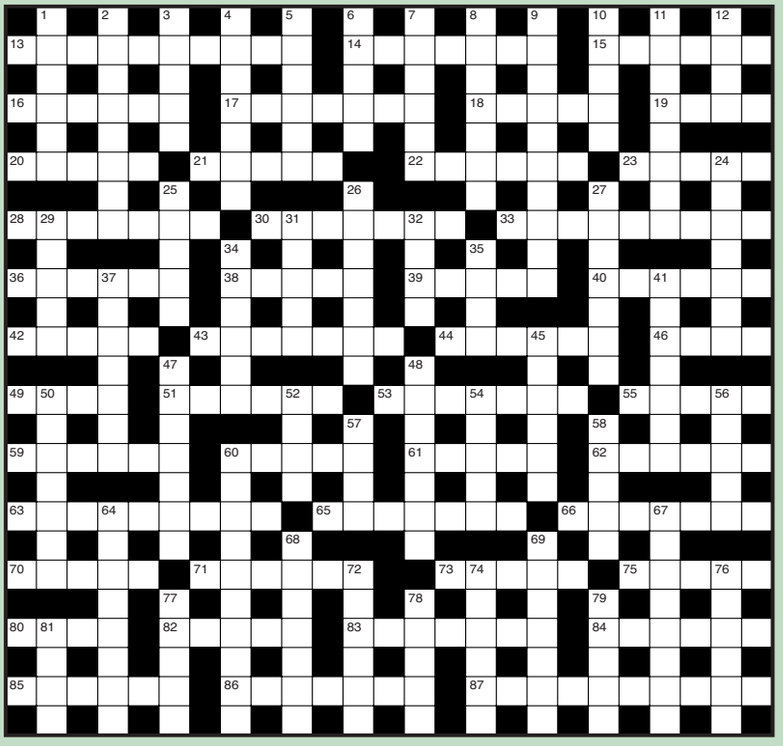
2. 'How old was your Dad when he died?' asked John.
Peter smiled. 'Older than you might think. The year he married my mother was the exact square of what his age was when I was born just three years later.'
It took John quite a while to work that one out!
What year was Peter's father born?

3. 'How do you like the new job?' asked Elsie. 'It must be quite a change after a big city school.'
'It's certainly that, with only 348 pupils in all,' replied John. 'There are 231 younger than twelve, but 165 older than ten.'
How many aged 11 years?

SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

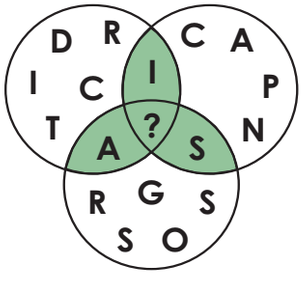
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15 Barely (6)
16 Spirits (6)
17 Shake (7)
18 Visits (5)
19 Old (4)
20 Set (5)
21 Box (5)
22 Three times (6)
23 Fellows (5)
28 Copes with (7)
30 Get ready (7)
33 Tree (6,3)
36 Are important (6)
38 Frivolous (5)
39 Board (3,2)
40 Discussion (6)
42 Creep (5)
43 Disperse (7)
44 Monster (6)
46 Blood (4)
49 Copied (4)
51 Capsizes (6)
53 Precis (7)
55 Sham (5)
59 Compares (6)
60 Muggy (5)
61 Catches (5)
62 Bird (6)
63 Pale (6,3)
65 Annoy (7)
66 Bouquet (7)
70 Learned (5)
71 Bang (6)
73 Afterwards (5)
75 Joke (5)
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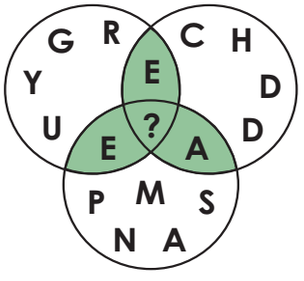
DOWN

1 Counter (6)
2 Asked (8)
3 Paper (5)
4 Preach (7)
5 State (6)
6 Lure (5)
7 Clear (6)
8 Drop (7)
9 Thought (10)
10 Container (5)
11 Rest (8)
12 Colour (4)
24 Clue (7)
25 Middle (5)
26 Seen (7)
27 Obvious (7)
29 Over (5)
31 Claim (5)
32 Fury (4)
34 Idles (6)
35 Lead (4)
37 Nonsense (7)
41 Celebrity (3,4)
45 Flashy (6)
47 Die down (7)
48 Besides (7)
50 Confidential (7)
52 Implement (4)
54 Intends (5)
56 Sway (5)
57 Stingy (4)
58 Golf club (5)
60 Create excitement (5,1,4)
64 Pestered (8)
67 Rank (8)
68 Russian (7)
69 Expressionless (4-3
72 Include (4,2)
74 Admits (6)
76 Angel (6)
77 Gather (5)
78 Addition (5)
79 Flower (5)
81 Keen (4)

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?





ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

E	X	I	N	E
C	O	O	R	E
M	E	N	N	A
L	A	R	N	E
V	I	V	E	P

	O			
O				
			E	
				A
		N		

SOLUTIONS

Brain Training
9-er
9-letter word: BROACHING. Hog, cobra, Robin.
X is to Y
1. Evelyn Waugh, 2. Joshua Reynolds, 3. Denmark.
Mindbender
Three times.
Mirror Image
D is the mirror image.
Split Decision >

P	R	O	N	G
A		R		R
T	I	B	I	A
I		I		F
O	C	T	E	T

Crossword
ACROSS: 13 Speechless. 14 Realise. 15 Hardly. 16 Morale. 17 Tremble. 18 Calls. 19 Aged. 20 Ready. 21 Crate. 22 Trince. 23 Cheps. 28 Handles. 30 Prepare. 33 Silver fir. 36 Matter. 38 Light. 39 Get on. 40 Debate. 42 Sneak. 43 Scatter. 44 Dragon. 46 Gore. 49 Aped. 51 Upsets. 53 Summary. 55 False. 59 Likens. 60 Close. 61 Traps. 62 Peewit. 63 Washed out. 65 Incense. 66 Corsage. 70 Heard. 71 Report. 73 Later. 75 Crack. 80 Mass. 82 Muses. 83 Kindled. 84 Opened. 85 Divers. 86 Incline. 87 Wrapping up.
DOWN: 1 Oppose. 2 Demanded. 3 Sheet. 4 Lecture. 5 Assert. 6 Bribe. 7 Patent. 8 Discard. 9 Reflection. 10 Chest. 11 Breather. 12 Blue. 24 Pointer. 25 Heart. 26 Spotted. 27 Evident. 29 Again. 31 Right. 32 Rage. 34 Slacks. 35 Star. 37 Twaddle. 41 Big name. 45 Garish. 47 Subside. 48 Further. 50 Private. 52 Tool. 54 Means. 56 Swing. 57 Mean. 58 Spoon. 60 Cause a stir. 64 Harassed. 67 Sergeant. 68 Cossack. 69 Dead-pan. 72 Take in. 74 Allows. 76 Cherub. 77 Amass. 78 Annex. 79 Poppy. 81 Avid.

Impossipuzzles
1. The other number was 69193. 2. Peter's father born in 1895. 3. 48 pupils 11 years old.
Circlegram
A: The letter represented by the question mark is A. Adriatic, Caspian, Sargasso, all seas.
B: The letter represented by the question mark is R. Gruyere, cheddar, parmesan, all types of cheese.
Alphamuddle
Cover, Opine, Vixen, Enema, Renal.

Sudoku

1	8	3	6	4	2	7	5	9
7	2	5	8	9	1	6	4	3
9	6	4	7	5	3	1	2	8
5	9	2	4	7	8	3	6	1
3	7	1	2	6	9	4	8	5
8	4	6	3	1	5	9	7	2
2	1	7	5	3	4	8	9	6
4	3	8	9	2	6	5	1	7
6	5	9	1	8	7	2	3	4

SATURDAY



Match of the Day
10.30pm
Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches of the season, including Manchester United v Swansea City at Old Trafford and Arsenal v Crystal Palace at the Emirates Stadium. United were looking for a positive start under new manager Louis van Gaal.



Proms Extra 2014
7pm
Katie Derham is joined by soprano Patricia Rozario, composer and conductor Peter Maxwell Davies, and baritone Roderick Williams, who performs at the end of the programme. Music highlights include Tavener's Requiem Fragments, performed by the Tallis Scholars on August 4.



All Star Family Fortunes
8.45pm
Danny Mac and Claire Richards take part in the game show for charity. Teaming up with their families, they answer a series of seemingly simple questions based on a survey of 100 members of the public, and the team that reaches the final round can win up to £30,000 for good causes.



Grand Designs
7.05pm
Kevin McCloud follows the progress of architect Richard Hawkes and his wife Sophie, as they move from London to the Kent countryside to build a hi-tech eco-friendly house with room to grow their own food. Richard also wants their new home to blend effortlessly into the surrounding countryside.



Cricket on 5
7pm
England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from day two of the Fifth Test, held at the Oval, as the final match of the series continued. England have won just one of their last four Tests here, but that victory came against India in 2011. Commentary and analysis by Geoffrey Boycott.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin presents the cookery show, featuring recipes by Mark Jordan and Tom Hunt. Plus, wine expert Susy Atkins presents her choices to accompany the dishes prepared.
11.30 **Food & Drink.** Culinary discussion on dishes that are healthy and delicious, with Monica Galetti. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the opening weekend of the Premier League season, which includes Manchester United v Swansea City and Newcastle United v Manchester City.
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.**
1.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams are challenged to pick up bargains at an antiques fair. (R)
2.00 **Live Athletics: European Championships.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the fifth and penultimate day's track and field events at the Letzigrund in Zurich, Switzerland. Coverage continues on BBC2.
4.30 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the opening day of the Premier League, along with the Football League and Scotland.
5.20 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.40 **Pointless Celebrities.** Soap stars including Stefan Dennis and Rebekah Elmaloglou from Neighbours and EastEnders' Laila Morse and Nina Wadia take to the podiums in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz.
6.30 **Tumble.** Five of the celebrities perform acrobatic floor routines, while the remaining five take to the aerial hoop, before two of them face The Vault. Hosted by Alex Jones.
8.00 **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete to play for a cash prize. Union J join Gaby Roslin as she presents the National Lottery results.
8.50 **Casualty.** Cal and Ethan jointly solve a medical mystery, while Rita comes to the aid of a patient struggling to come to terms with a secret – but compromises her chance of promotion.
9.40 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes is excited about Rory and Dino's big day, until she meets their flamboyant wedding planner, while Father Damien raises concerns about the ceremony. Last in the series. (R)
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches of the season, including Manchester United v Swansea City and Arsenal v Crystal Palace; **National Lottery Update.**
11.55 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.
1.15 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 FILM: **Blackbeard the Pirate (1952).** Swashbuckling adventure, starring Robert Newton.
7.45 **Live Athletics: European Championships.** The women's marathon from Zurich.
10.45 **Great British Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo travels from Walsall to Bournville. (R)
11.15 **Animal Park.** Longleat's spoonbills are at war. (R)
12.00 **Sweets Made Simple.** Kitty Hope and Mark Greenwood put their own twist on childhood favourites. (R)
12.30 **Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds.** The baker uses beetroot to rustle up hearty British food. (R)
1.00 **David Niven: Talking Pictures.** A profile of actor David Niven. (R)
1.50 FILM: **The First of the Few (1942).** Wartime biopic, directed by and starring Leslie Howard.
3.45 **Flog It!** From Alnwick castle in Northumberland. (R)
4.30 **Live Athletics: European Championships.** Coverage of day five from Zurich.
5.15 **Live Equestrian.** The Global Champions Tour meeting from London.
7.00 **Proms Extra 2014.** Katie Derham is joined by soprano Patricia Rozario, composer and conductor Peter Maxwell Davies, and baritone Roderick Williams, who performs at the end of the programme.
7.45 **Dad's Army.** The older members of the platoon take drastic action when they are threatened with being made air-raid wardens, transforming themselves in a bid to appear younger. (R)
8.15 **Great War Diaries.** An Italian-American leads a revolt in a mental institution, a French boy witnesses the German retreat and a Cossack woman is caught up in the Russian Revolution. Last in the series.
9.15 **Andrew Marr's Great Scots.** New series. The broadcaster explores the lives of writers who have defined and challenged Scottish national identity over the past 300 years, beginning with James Boswell.
10.15 **QI XL.** An extended edition of the quiz, as Stephen Fry asks Victoria Coren Mitchell, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies questions on the topic of jargon.
11.00 FILM: **Oranges and Sunshine (2010).** A social worker discovers thousands of British children have been sent to care homes in Australia and suffered abuse. Fact-based drama, starring Emily Watson and Hugo Weaving.
12.40 FILM: **Wilbur (Wants to Kill Himself) (2003).** A suicidal man and his brother inherit a bookshop and have their lives transformed. Black comedy drama, starring Jamie Sives.
2.20 **This Is BBC2.**
5.45 **Countryfile: Summer Special.** Summer special from the Cotswold County Show in Cirencester, including archery, a recipe from Celebrity MasterChef winner Phil Vickery and poetry with Ian McMillan. (R)

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Pat & Stan **6.10** Pat & Stan **6.20** Pat & Stan **6.25** Dino Dan **6.35** Dino Dan **6.50** Canimals **6.55** Canimals **7.05** Sooty **7.15** Nerds & Monsters **7.25** Nerds & Monsters **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **7.55** Chowder **8.10** Chowder
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With Kingsland Road, Kathy Lette and Terry Mynott.
9.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge visit Bude. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica enters the world of haute couture. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.25 FILM: **Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot (1991).** A greedy jeweller murders his lottery-winning nephew and keeps his money – but has reckoned without the intervention of Columbo. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Rip Torn.
1.25 **The Unforgettable Gordon Jackson.** Profile of the Upstairs, Downstairs actor. (R)
1.55 **Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover.** An air stewardess has her lounge and kitchen diner transformed. (R)
2.55 FILM: **Smokey and the Bandit II (1980).** Road comedy, starring Burt Reynolds.
4.50 FILM: **Mr Bean's Holiday (2007).** Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson.
6.20 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.45 **You've Been Framed and Famous!** Harry Hill showcases some of the best celebrity lookalike clips sent in by viewers, featuring Tom Cruise and Britney Spears doppelgangers among many others. (R)
7.45 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Former Pussycat Doll and Dancing on Ice judge Ashley Roberts, singer and presenter Jamelia and TV host Jeff Brazier take turns on the token-pushing machine. Ben Shephard hosts.
8.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Hollyoaks star Danny Mac (Mark "Dodger" Savage) and Claire Richards from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win big money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. (R)
9.45 FILM: **Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980).** The rebels are dispersed after an attack on their secret base and Luke Skywalker goes in search of a Jedi master. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. Continues after the News.
10.40 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.55 FILM: **Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980).** Concluded.
12.25 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.10 **The Hoobs.** The gang finds a Hoobledangler. (R)
6.35 **Trans World Sport.** Including an interview with Goran Ivanisevic.
7.30 **The Grid.** Including a look at how Bentley change one of their road cars into a GT Racer.
7.55 **The Morning Line.** Nick Luck presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing.
8.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** The twins play fairies in the school play. (R)
9.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Stefania arrives from Rome. (R)
9.55 **Frasier.** Two women vie for Frasier's attention. (R)
10.25 **Frasier.** Daphne turns to Niles for advice. (R)
10.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard accompanies Amy to her colleague's wedding. (R)
11.20 **The Simpsons.** Bart is hailed as a child genius. (R)
11.55 **The Simpsons.** Homer contemplates suicide. (R)
12.25 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The racing fan attempts to ride the world's fastest gravity-powered sled. Last in the series. (R)
1.25 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Andrew Batsford hosts the first party in Hastings. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Adrian Carter organises a Moroccan-themed evening. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Sally-Anne Keller hosts the third dinner party in Hastings. (R)
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Hairdresser Kate Eadon organises a "gourmet pub night" for her guests. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Stelios Michael hosts the final night in Hastings, East Sussex, hoping to impress his guests with a Greek-inspired evening, before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.05 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of architect Richard Hawkes and his wife Sophie, as they move from London to the Kent countryside to build a hi-tech eco-friendly dream home. (R)
8.00 FILM: **Iron Man (2008).** An arms manufacturer invents a hi-tech suit of armour and uses it in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard.
10.25 FILM: **District 9 (2009).** A South African bureaucrat gets stranded in an internment camp designed to segregate alien refugees from the human population. Sci-fi drama, starring Sharlto Copley and Jason Cope.
12.35 **The Last Leg.** (R)
1.20 **Utopia.** (R)
2.20 **Homeland.** (R)
3.15 **Homeland.** (R)
4.10 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Tony and Sinead are almost caught out when Diane returns unexpectedly.

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School **6.25** Bubble Guppies **6.35** The Mr Men Show **6.45** Milkshake! Monkey **6.50** Chloe's Closet **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.40** City of Friends **7.55** Little Princess **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.25** Angelina Ballerina **8.45** Rupert Bear **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
10.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.05 **Police Interceptors.** The helicopter crew is called out to rescue a woman trapped by rising water. (R)
11.00 **Ultimate Police Interceptors.** The work of the Essex Road Crime Unit. (R)
12.00 **Police Interceptors.** The unit helps rescue a man pinned beneath a tractor. (R)
1.00 FILM: **The Golden Voyage of Sinbad (1974).** Fantasy adventure, starring John Phillip Law.
3.05 FILM: **Rocky V (1990).** Boxing drama sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone.
5.05 FILM: **North Sea Hijack (1979).** Thriller, starring Roger Moore.
7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from day two of the Fifth Test, held at the Oval, as the final match of the series continued.
8.00 **The Last Secrets of 9/11.** The work of a team from New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner tasked with identifying the victims of the September 11 attacks from human remains in the debris. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **TV's Nastiest Villains with Joan Collins.** The actress presents a countdown of the TV characters viewers love to hate, including Dallas's JR Ewing, Breaking Bad's Walter White and her own role as Alexis Colby in Dynasty.
11.55 **Access.**
12.00 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **The Hungerford Massacre: Killing Spree.** New series. Examining the case of Michael Ryan who took the lives of 16 people in Hungerford, Berkshire, in 1987.
4.00 **House Doctor.** Property guru Ann Maurice applies her home improvement remedies to a house in Spennymoor, Co Durham, which has been languishing on the market for some time. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** Josh meets a journalist. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** Alanna searches for a celebrity guest. (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** Bindi is jealous of Jess's new coat. (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** Wendy is scared of Fatima's mum. (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** Angel Rafe protects the children in the kitchen. (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

SUNDAY



Match of the Day 2
10.25pm
Liverpool v Southampton and Newcastle United v Manchester City. Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the Premier League matches at Anfield and St James' Park. City were looking to begin their title defence in style against a Magpies side that have recruited heavily during the summer.



James May's Cars of the People
9pm
The Top Gear presenter continues his examination of how the car became an everyday part of normal people's lives, exploring the weird world of small vehicles. He discovers how austerity and fears of congestion led to Britain's infamous three-wheelers.



Kids with Cameras: Diary of a Children's Ward
10.15pm
Continuing the series in which youngsters aged six to 16 film their experiences as patients at Newcastle's Great North Children's Hospital. Shane, 12, is recovering from a stroke, while nine-year-old Hannah receives treatment for juvenile arthritis.



The Mill
8pm
William is forced to lower wages as the cotton industry feels the impact of the recession, but the news doesn't go down well with Daniel, who believes the workers should withdraw their labour. The boss mobilises troops in the area and appoints John to lead a new band of special constables.



Cricket on 5
7.05pm
England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Fifth Test, held at the Oval, as the final match of the series continued. England have lost just one of their 11 Tests against India at this venue, and that defeat came back in 1971. Commentary and analysis by Geoffrey Boycott.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
8.35 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches of the season, including Manchester United v Swansea City and Arsenal v Crystal Palace. (R)
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Wanted Down Under.** A family samples life in Melbourne, Australia. (R)
11.45 **Helicopter Heroes Down Under.** A family barbecue ends in an explosion. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams are challenged to pick up bargains at an antiques fair. (R)
2.15 **Best of Homes Under the Hammer.** A flat in Hampton Court Palace. (R)
2.45 **Eat Well for Less?** A tale of two fish-and-chip dinners. (R)
3.45 **Escape to the Country.** Two keen walkers who want to relocate to the Yorkshire Dales. (R)
4.30 **The Great British Bake Off.** The hopefuls turn their attention to biscuits. (R)
5.30 **Songs of Praise.** David Grant and Sally Magnusson visit Ampleforth Abbey near York.
6.05 **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** Steve Backshall ventures to the Bahamas, where he examines the science of a shark bite, before he continues on to Cuba in search of a giant bat-eating snake.
6.35 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
7.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Blair Castle in Perthshire to examine items including a collection of valuable miniatures and a wooden spoon with an intriguing past.
8.00 **Countryfile.** John Craven and Shauna Lowry visit a largely unknown region of Northern Ireland, the Sperrin Mountains, and explore an old blacksmith's forge made famous by a Seamus Heaney poem. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 **The Village.** Phoebe, the stationmaster's daughter, invites Bert to go to the new dancehall, while Grace decides to join the cycling club for a ride out. Elsewhere, Marie Stopes' caravan arrives.
10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Liverpool v Southampton and Newcastle United v Manchester City. Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the Premier League matches at Anfield and St James' Park respectively.
11.25 FILM: **The 51st State (2001).** An American drug dealer heads for Liverpool to make one last sale, with a hitwoman working for his old boss in hot pursuit. Action comedy, with Samuel L Jackson and Robert Carlyle.
12.50 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.55 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.45 **Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets.** The presenter visits Biddulph Grange in Staffordshire. (R)
7.45 **Live Athletics: European Championships.** Jonathan Edwards presents coverage of the men's marathon on the sixth and final day of the biennial event in Zurich.
10.30 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of the latest games in the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)
11.50 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
1.20 **Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds.** Featuring a recipe for salted caramel coffee eclairs. (R)
1.50 **Live Athletics: European Championships.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the final session of the championship on day six, held at the Letzigrund in Zurich, Switzerland, where medals will be decided in 11 events.
4.50 **Flog It!** From Weston Park, on the Shropshire and Staffordshire borders. (R)
5.30 **Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Part two of two. Michael Portillo travels from Holland to France. (R)
6.00 **Celebrity Antiques Road Trip.** Dinnerladies co-stars Anne Reid and Thelma Barlow team up with antiques experts Paul Laidlaw and David Harper to hunt for collectibles in Oxfordshire. (R)
7.00 **Tropic of Capricorn.** On the third leg of his journey, Simon Reeve crosses mainland Australia, visiting a ghost town contaminated by a nearby asbestos mine and a deprived Aborigine community near Uluru. (R)
8.00 **Dragons' Den.** An 18-year-old hopes to impress with his garden shed invention, a gaming entrepreneur makes a rip-roaring entrance and the Dragons get a taste of Colombia's finest cocoa beans.
9.00 **James May's Cars of the People.** The Top Gear presenter explores the weird world of the microcar, discovering how austerity and fears of congestion led to a variety of disastrous European vehicles.
10.00 FILM: **The Prestige (2006).** Two Victorian magicians become bitter rivals as one becomes obsessed with the secret to the other's greatest illusion. Mystery thriller, starring Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale.
12.05 **Sign Zone: Countryfile: Summer Special.** Summer special from the Cotswold County Show in Cirencester, including archery, a recipe from Celebrity MasterChef winner Phil Vickery and poetry with Ian McMillan. (R)
1.00 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Colette is stunned when she is faced with a blast from the past – in the shape of new nurse Fletch. Sacha thinks Estelle is cheating on him and Elliot returns to work. (R)
2.00 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Pat & Stan **6.10** Pat & Stan **6.20** Pat & Stan **6.25** Dino Dan **6.35** Dino Dan **6.50** Canimals **6.55** Canimals **7.05** Sooty **7.15** Nerds & Monsters **7.25** Nerds & Monsters **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **7.55** Chowder **8.10** Chowder
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With Imogen Heap, Ian "H" Watkins, Jon Culshaw and Tony Hadley.
9.25 **May the Best House Win.** Four contestants in Conwy and Denbighshire judge one another's homes. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica's editor is found dead. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.30 **Love Your Garden.** A cottage-style garden for a wounded war hero. Last in the series. (R)
12.30 **Long Lost Family.** Two stories of adoptions. (R)
1.30 FILM: **Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan.
3.30 **Midsomer Murders.** A land dispute leads to murder. (R)
5.30 **Tipping Point.** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
6.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **Come On Down! The Game Show Story.** Bradley Walsh focuses on the quiz show, hearing the story of Mastermind's creation and looking at how Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? changed the course of TV history.
8.00 **The Zoo.** Vets face a difficult decision regarding a sick 15-year-old lioness following an exploratory operation, while a keeper begins a new role training chimps one-on-one.
9.00 **The Great War: The People's Story.** Reg Evans (played by Daniel Mays) undergoes pioneering plastic surgery, while job opportunities open up for a society cook (Alison Steadman) and a suffragette (Romola Garai).
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **Kids with Cameras: Diary of a Children's Ward.** A 12-year-old boy recovers from a stroke caused by a freak accident, while an eight-year-old with muscular dystrophy takes part in a medical trial hoping to improve his symptoms. (R)
11.15 **The Cube.** A personal trainer and an occupational therapist try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts. (R)
12.15 **The Store.** Home shopping.
2.00 **Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Snetterton.
2.50 **British Superbike Championship Highlights.** Action from the seventh round of the season at Oulton Park, where the riders competed in the 13th, 14th and 15th of the year's scheduled races.
4.00 **Britain's Best Bakery.** Three bakeries from East Anglia go head to head. (R)
4.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)

Channel 4

6.10 **The Hoobs.** Iver searches for a star. (R)
6.35 **Caterham Motorsport.** Action from the latest round of the series at Brands Hatch.
7.05 **Triathlon: Long Course Weekend.** Action from the ultra-triathlon staged in Pembrokeshire.
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray buys a new vacuum cleaner. (R)
8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie and Debra fall out. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** Part one of two. Daphne's engagement depresses Niles. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Tyger Drew-Honey, Michael Steer, Matthew Burton and Union J.
12.35 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A couple plan to transform an ambulance into a campervan. (R)
1.40 **The Big Bang Theory.** Penny arranges a date for Raj. (R)
2.10 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon's old adversary Wil Wheaton returns. (R)
2.40 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon's mother comes to visit. (R)
3.10 **The Simpsons.** Homer pawns the TV. (R)
3.40 **The Simpsons.** Bart takes a crash course in self-defence. (R)
4.10 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
5.15 **Channel 4 News.**
5.45 FILM: **Water for Elephants (2011).** Premiere. Romantic drama, with Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson.
8.00 **The Mill.** Tensions escalate when William is forced to cut wages and, preparing for the worst, he appoints John to lead a new band of special constables to tackle protesters.
9.00 **Richard III: The New Evidence.** Scientists investigate how the English king's spinal deformity would have affected his ability to fight in battle, with the help of a body double who has the same form of scoliosis.
10.00 FILM: **The Taking of Pelham 123 (2009).** Criminals hijack a crowded New York subway train and threaten to kill the passengers unless they are paid $10million. Thriller remake, with Denzel Washington and John Travolta.
12.05 FILM: **Good Morning, Vietnam (1987).** A motormouthed US Army DJ sent to entertain the GIs in 1960s Saigon enrages the top brass with his irreverent broadcasts. Comedy drama, starring Robin Williams and Forest Whitaker.
2.10 **Wallis Simpson: The Secret Letters.** Biographer Anne Sebba examines 15 letters written by the American socialite, who was widely perceived to have lured Edward VIII away from the British throne in 1936. (R)
3.05 **First Time Farmers.** Robbie and his country pals Tom and Will head to London to support a fellow farmer in a boxing match, while Kate rushes back from college when her calves fall ill. (R)
4.05 **The Million Pound Drop.** Teachers from Educating Yorkshire play for charity. (R)
5.00 **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** Cooking with chocolate. (R)
5.05 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School **6.25** Bubble Guppies **6.35** The Mr Men Show **6.45** Milkshake! Monkey **6.50** Chloe's Closet **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.40** City of Friends **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures **7.55** Little Princess **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.20** Milkshake! Bop Box **8.25** Angelina Ballerina **8.40** Olly the Little White Van **8.45** Rupert Bear **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
10.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.15 **Highland Emergency.** A man with suspected spinal injuries is rescued from a quarry. (R)
10.45 **Police Interceptors.** The police are led on a high-speed chase across north London. (R)
11.45 **Police Interceptors.** Officers pursue a group of car thieves. (R)
12.40 **Police Interceptors.** The unit pursues a speeding motorcyclist. (R)
1.40 FILM: **White Fang (1991).** Adventure, starring Ethan Hawke.
3.45 FILM: **James and the Giant Peach (1996).** Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry.
5.15 FILM: **The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1996).** Disney animation, with the voices of Tom Hulce and Demi Moore.
7.00 **5 News Weekend.**
7.05 **Cricket on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Fifth Test, held at the Oval, as the final match of the series continued.
8.00 **World's Scariest Animal Attacks.** Terrifying animal encounters, including a 19-year-old who was pulled free by her friends when she was attacked by a great white shark off the coast of Chile. Last in the series. (R)
9.00 FILM: **Safe (2012).** Premiere. A former cage fighter protects a 12-year-old girl holding valuable information that several criminal factions want. Action thriller, with Jason Statham and Catherine Chan. Part of the In Statham We Trust strand.
10.55 FILM: **Crank: High Voltage (2009).** A hitman pursues a mobster who took his heart and replaced it with a machine that requires constant charging up. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Amy Smart. Part of the In Statham We Trust strand.
12.40 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** The use of CCTV to fight crime. (R)
1.10 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Soho Nail Bomber: Killing Spree.** The methods and motives of London bomber David Copeland.
4.00 **House Doctor.** (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.35 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Taking a major leap forward

By Graham Breeze

The underwhelming Vauxhall Insignia has suddenly become impressive with the arrival of the Country Tourer 2.0 CDTi 4x4.

For this is a car with real presence, standing on stylish 18in wheels and looking every bit a real alternative in a busy sector.

You get lots for your money with the Country Tourer. The car on test was a well-equipped 2.0-litre, 163bhp diesel model, which you could put on the road for £26,499 – a lot less than sector rivals.

Looks can sometimes be deceiving but with this Insignia you get just what it says on the tin. A muscular profile is matched all round with new grilles and lights, raised arches, chrome effect side surround and tinted rear glass.



That means this Insignia looks like nothing else in the Vauxhall camp from the outside and the improvements continue once you open the doors too.

The dated cabin has at last been upgraded and the Nav model on test came with an 8in touch-screen system, which is simple enough to master and comes with the alternative of either prodding the screen or using a centre console-mounted touchpad system.

You get chrome '4x4 Tourer' kickplates for the doors and bright gearlever trim, and a higher seating position.

So it looks the part, but does it have the performance to match?

Choice

There's a choice of Sport, Normal and Tour modes to help with all kinds of driving situations and you can comfortably expect to achieve a combined fuel figure of 50mpg.

There's a top speed of 127mph but 0-60mph takes a slightly disappointing 10.9 seconds – quite frankly the car looks faster. CO2 emissions are 147g/km.

There's plenty of grip but some body roll when you really ask the questions, though this Insignia offers a pretty comfortable ride with more than enough space for five passengers and oceans of boot space with an automatic opening and closing system.

It may be 4x4 but the Country Tourer is not a true off-roader, although it does



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enough to make it an attractive proposition if you need to tackle farm tracks or muddy conditions.

The test car included a DMB digital radio, Bluetooth, USB connectivity, LED daytime running lights, high pressure headlight washers, front fogs, front and rear parking sensors, and heated steering wheel and front seats.

You also get cruise control, electric windows, electric height adjustment on the driver's seat, climate control, electric parking brake, electric and heated door mirrors and an electronic stability programme.

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Edgerton is the star in a sparkling win for Glas

AFTER a series of losing draws, Cae Glas got back to winning ways in the Shropshire Cricket League division two with a five wicket victory over rock-bottom Shifnal III at Gatacre, ***writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.***

Tight bowling restricted Shifnal to 126-5 in 45 overs, Keith Yapp taking 1-15 in nine overs, his victim being former county opener Kevin Humphreys for 56, while Ruchira Nimanath (1-37 off 14) and Tim Turner (1-29 off 13) were also economical. There were also two wickets for Aidan Martyn on a rare bowl.

The Glas made a shaky start with the loss of early wickets to slip to 25-4, but Graham Ellis (35) helped steady the ship before Gareth Edgerton, who has been a revelation with the bat, saw this side home before the rain came with an unbeaten 40 and Martyn gave good support with 22no, which included several boundaries.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY succumbed to a seven wicket defeat against first division mid-table rivals Market Drayton at the Nursery Ground.

Target

Put in to bat, they were sent back for 127 in the 32nd over, openers Gary Darlington and Daniel Evans top scoring with 24 and 22 respectively, while there were four wickets for Jesse Thompstone (4-49) and three for George Dees (3-43).

Despite losing an early wicket in reply, Drayton ensured there were no further wobbles as Harvey Wakefield (45) and William Evans (37) steered them to the target with three wickets down.

There were better fortunes for **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II** who recorded a four wicket success over their Market Drayton counterparts in the reserve division two.

Andrew Przybylski-Garry took four wickets at Drayton were dismissed for 161, Joel Whitehouse also collecting 3-15, before Jamie Birch's 77 helped set them on the way to victory in reply, Maty Evans also making 34.

ELLESMERE II conceded their clash at Bishop's Castle II in the reserve division three.

Coaching is available for youngsters

THERE'S still time for the budding Ian Bell or Charlotte Edwards to hone his or her skills at Oswestry Cricket Club's Summer School.

The school runs from August 18-21 at the club's Morda Road ground (10am-3pm), and is open to children from eight to 14 years of age.

Six ECB-qualified coaches will be on hand, and the cost is £20 a day. A cut-price offer of £60 for all four days is available, and there are discounts for siblings.

"It's four days of fun and cricket, with competitions and prizes to be won," said Oswestry CC secretary Hugh Roberts. "All kit is supplied, but youngsters will need to bring along a packed lunch".

To book or to receive further information call Hugh on 07971 963016, or Ian Davies on 07813 473663.

Defeat puts Monty in the mire

MONTGOMERY'S basement plight deepened in the Shropshire County Cricket League division one after being swept aside by nine wickets at high riding Madeley.

Despite a 61-run stand for the first wicket between Caspar Mould (23) and skipper Rob Bennett (34), they collapsed to 111 all out, with Jonathan Prince the chief destroyer with 5-14.

Madeley then had few problems in knocking off the runs, opener Stephen Pugh hitting 67 not out to take his side to their target in the 33rd over, keeping Monty second bottom and in real danger of the drop.

WELSHPOOL were also well beaten by eight wickets at promotion chasing Broseley to remain in the lower half of division one.

Opting to bat first, they were sent back for 119 before their hosts eased to victory in 29 overs.

It was a far better day for the Montgomery's second string who skittled Allscott for just 20 runs in the reserve division two with Neil Tuffin in inspired form with the ball.

Batting first, Monty themselves toiled to a modest 82 all out, thanks to 24 not out from Ieuan Griffiths batting at nine while Tuffin also chipped in with 18.

But the bowlers then got to work as Tuffin picked up a terrific 8-5 in seven overs to rout Allscott for 20 in reply, with extras top scoring on eight while the highest contribution with the bat was just three.

WELSHPOOL II's challenge in the reserve division two suffered a setback after being edged out by two wickets against **CAE GLAS II** at Maesydre.

Electing to bat first, Pool were restricted to 121 after collapsing from a promising opening stand between skipper Matthew Knight (21) and Dale Evans (53), with Matthew Coulson doing the damage with 5-53 while Nick Chesters chipped in with 3-34.

Cae Glas also found the going tough in reply, but reached their target in the 56th over thanks to a dogged 39 not out from opener Peter Bowyer, with Damon Preston taking 3-27 and Jack Windsor 2-17.

WELSHPOOL III's trip to Madeley III on Sunday in Division FourA was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch following heavy rain.

Williams stars but Guilsfield beaten

GUILSFIELD failed to put the brakes on high riding Harpers as they slipped to a 41-run loss in their Shropshire Cricket League division four clash despite a fine all round display from Dave Williams.

First, Williams took five wickets for 42 runs as 10-man Harpers were restricted to 163, Andy Pugh also picking up 2-29 off 10 overs.

Guilsfield then lost a flurry of early wickets in reply with Susrikant Sahoo snapping up five wickets, but an unbeaten 50 from Williams revived their chase before the villagers eventually fell short on 122.

WHITTINGTON's promotion push in division four stalled as they had to settle for a losing draw at lowly Bridgnorth.

It was a closely fought affair, with Bridgnorth posing 212-4 in 40 overs, before the visitors finished on 200-7 in reply.

Improving Oswestry give survival hopes big boost

RESILIENT Oswestry further boosted their hopes of beating the drop from the Birmingham Cricket League division one after another excellent fightback salvaged a winning draw against Old Hill at Morda Road.

The 14 points they gained from the match put them 26 ahead of Shifnal, their closest challengers in the relegation stakes – though at one stage it looked as if they were heading for a heavy defeat.

Old Hill's second-wicket pair Dmitri Ratnayake and Nitash Patel had taken their side to 172-1 in pursuit of Oswestry's 227, and an away win seemed the only possible outcome as the batsmen looked in no trouble at all.

Then Josh Coleridge held a magnificent "over-the-shoulder" catch to dismiss Patel off Oswestry skipper Mark Robinson for 73, and the whole complexion of the game changed.

Warrick Fynn caught Ratnayake off his own bowling for 69 in the next over, and suddenly the pressure was on the visitors.

Wicket

Fynn rattled out another couple of batsmen, and with Matt Gregson and Robbie Clarke each taking a wicket, Old Hill were happy to bat out for a draw at 206-7.

Earlier Joe Carrasco had top-scored for Oswestry with 57, and there were other useful contributions from Darren Papier (37), Gregson (34), Coleridge (24), Alex Huxley (23) and Fynn (22).

A frustrating last-wicket stand cost **OSWESTRY II** a victory at Penn II in the 2nd XI (North), despite a superb all-round performance by former first-team skipper Ian Davies.

Davies hit 83 not out as Oswestry reached 223-7 off their 50 overs, with earlier efforts of 31 by Callum Morris and 26 by Owen Johnson.

CRICKET

By John Bridgwater



Penn collapsed against a fine opening spell of 4-24 by Davies, and with Xavie Clarke and Jonny Davies each taking two wickets, the writing looked on the wall for the home side.

But their last pair of Rayon Ebanks (33no) and Matthew Richards (14no) survived 15 overs to deny Oswestry the win points.

OSWESTRY III's good run in the Shropshire League division three came to an end when they lost by four wickets against a strong Wheaton Aston side.

Chris Wiseman's team were bowled out 130, with Martin Chambers top-scoring on 37 not out. while Luke Jones and Richard Jones both made 27.

Iwan Roberts took 4-23 when Wheaton Aston replied, but Alan Curtis (46no) saw the home side to victory at 131-6.

OSWESTRY IV's game against Ludlow IV in the reserve division three on Sunday was called off after heavy overnight rain.

■ This Saturday, Oswestry will travel to Smethwick without skipper Mark Robinson, who misses the next three matches. The Seconds are at home to their Smethwick counterparts (12.30).

Oswestry IVs visit Ellesmere II, while the thirds take on Church Aston at Morda Road on Sunday (1.30).

DIVISION 1

	P	W	2	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Ombersley	16	7	1	2	8	12	240	
Wolverhampton	16	1	3	4	23	20	192	
Wellington	16	2	3	5	9	10	184	
Bromsgrove	16	2	2	6	10	13	183	
Smethwick	16	1	4	5	15	15	169	
Harborne	16	5	5	4	13	20	165	
Old Hill	16	2	4	4	10	27	164	
Barnards Green	16	2	5	4	17	14	153	
Moseley	16	2	5	6	11	12	151	
Oswestry	16	1	5	4	19	31	150	
Shifnal	16	2	6	3	21	31	124	
Wombourne	16	1	7	4	13	22	105	

2nd DIVISION 2 (N)

	P	W	2	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Milford Hall	16	2	2	4	11	21	232	
Smethwick	16	6	2	5	5	2	224	
Tamworth	16	6	1	5	6	6	215	
Penn	16	4	2	5	5	13	177	
Oswestry	16	3	5	4	12	18	170	
Wombourne	16	1	5	5	28	19	168	
Brewood	16	2	4	5	15	14	160	
Whitchurch	16	1	7	4	18	24	148	
Hawkins C & R.	16	2	6	4	18	17	144	
Fordhouses	16	3	6	5	6	18	135	
Newport	16	0	6	6	13	23	102	
Quatt	16	1	9	6	8	10	68	

Runner-up now goes one better



Team-mates but final rivals – Ceiriog Valley duo Geraint Edwards and (right) Arwyn Roberts are seen with league official Phil Jones holding the 4-5-6 Singles trophy

Edwards bowled over

GERAINT EDWARDS went one better in the Oswestry League's 4-5-6 Singles competition this year – and won it.

The Ceiriog Valley bowler, beaten in the 2013 final by Ryan Williams of Chirk, was not to be denied on Sunday at Weston Rhyn.

But it was success tinged with sadness as Edwards had to beat his Ceiriog Valley team-mate Arwyn Roberts 21-17 in the final to get his hands on the trophy.

Delighted league competitions secretary Trevor Roberts said: "We had 38 bowlers – some experienced, others playing in their first competition – put on a cracking display of bowling, culminating in an exciting final.

"Geraint, last year's runner-up, pulled away mid-game to lead 18-10 before Arwyn won the next four ends to get back to 17-18.

"However, a great last wood on the penultimate end got Geraint to 20 and he then bowled a jack toucher to win the game."

The losing semi-finalists were first year bowler Jack Gregory (Cynwyd) and Mark Littlehales (Johnstown).

Frankton suffer at St Georges

IT WAS a tough day for the bowlers as Frankton suffered a high scoring eight wicket defeat at St Georges in the Shropshire League premier division.

Electing to bat first, they rattled up 250-9 in 50 overs, skipper Jordan Parry blasting 14 fours in his 86 off 77 balls before being run out, while Nalaka De Silva (41), Alex Owen (36) and Thomas Welti (29) also weighed in with useful knocks.

But St Georges were up for the chase, with Muhammad Zaheer cracking an undefeated 104 to see his side home with five overs and eight wickets to spare.

Fellow opener Gareth Hughes also hit 55 in a first wicket stand of 138, Tylor Trenoweth (42no) completing the job, while Parry bagged both wickets to fall.

It proved a better day for **FRANKTON II** who eased to an 82-run win over their St Georges counterparts in the reserve division one.

Put in to bat at Hardwick Park, they flourished to the tune of 243-6 in 50 overs, before dismissing their visitors for 161.

Ryan gets a flying start

SCOTT RYAN grabbed a hat-trick as Dan Stevens enjoyed the perfect start as Ellesmere Rangers manager with a 4-0 beating of Bewdley Town on the first day of the West Midlands League premier division season.

Ryan, 18, hinted at his potential as Ellesmere hit the goal trail so impressively despite the departure of last season's leading scorer Marco Adaggio to Hinckley.

Brendon Davies headed Rangers in front from Ryan's cross before Ryan went from goal maker to goal taker by rattling in his well taken treble strike.

Rangers now travel to Herefordshire on Saturday to take on Wellington in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup.

Darlington's double has visitors singing the blues

The New Saints 3 Birmingham City 1

A GOAL in each half from Alex Darlington saw The New Saints continue their build-up to the new season with victory against a Birmingham City XI in an entertaining friendly at Park Hall.

After their 3-1 pre-season loss against Middlesborough a few days, the Welsh Premier defending champions bounced back with a well earned win against a strong Blues outfit with Darlington and Scott Quigley giving them a two goal interval lead.

The Championship visitors pulled one back after the break through Callum Reilly following a defensive slip, but former Wrexham forward Darlington sealed the home win with his second of the game.

The deadlock was broken after half an hour when Darlington supplied a close range finish after latching onto a pass from debutant Polish winger Adrian Cieslewicz-to to round off a terrific move that also involved Chris Marriott and Aeron Edwards.

That lead was doubled 10 minutes later when some good work by Darlington set up Quigley with the goal at his mercy and the forward made no mistake from close range.

The second half started with Blues nearly pulling a goal back when Danny Johnstone headed against the post before the ball bounced clear.

However, two more goals quickly followed when a poor pass from keeper Chris Mullock was cut out by Reilly who calmly slotted in from the edge of the box.

But just seconds later Darlington restored the two goal advantage when firing home the rebound after Finley's shot rattled against the bar.

PLACINGS

Shropshire County Cricket League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Worfield	16	13	0	1	2	315
Reman Services	16	10	3	1	2	287
Wem	16	9	0	3	2	270
Ludlow & SS	16	7	1	3	5	216
St Georges	16	4	3	4	3	203
Bomere Heath	16	6	0	6	4	187
Frankton	16	3	3	7	2	151
Cound	16	3	2	6	5	148
Wroxeter Grove	16	4	3	6	3	136
Albrighton	16	3	0	9	4	123
Newtown	16	2	2	8	4	119
Allscott	16	1	0	11	4	85

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Madeley	16	12	0	1	3	283
Broseley	16	10	1	1	4	268
Shelton	16	9	2	4	1	259
Alberbury	16	7	1	4	4	218
Market Drayton	16	7	1	4	4	202
Lilleshall	16	4	2	6	4	159
Pontesbury	16	4	3	7	2	155
Forton	16	3	3	7	3	147
Welshpool	16	3	5	5	3	140
Knockin & Kinn	16	2	2	8	4	130
Montgomery	16	2	2	8	4	106
Much Wenlock	16	1	0	9	6	26

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Tibberton	16	8	2	2	4	261
Beacon	16	9	2	2	2	258
Condover	16	7	2	3	2	223
Ellesmere	16	6	2	6	2	196
Willey	16	5	2	4	4	185
Cae Glas	16	5	4	3	4	176
Shrewsbury III	16	4	1	5	4	176
Wellington III	16	5	2	5	4	175
Iscoyd & FB	16	3	3	7	3	152
Bishops Castle	16	4	1	4	6	151
Corvedale	16	2	0	10	4	114
Shifnal III	16	1	3	8	3	102

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Church Stretton	16	8	3	1	3	241
Prees	16	5	4	0	5	222
Oswestry III	16	6	3	3	3	210
Wheaton Aston	16	5	4	1	5	204
Church Aston	16	5	4	2	4	186
Llanidloes	16	3	3	4	5	154
Chelmarsh	16	3	2	5	5	153
St Georges III	16	3	4	3	6	147
Calverhall	16	2	4	8	2	146
Wroxeter III	16	4	2	6	4	135
Newport III	16	3	2	9	2	128
Acton Reynald	16	0	3	5	6	120

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Harpers	16	7	1	3	3	252
Overton-on-Dee	16	6	4	1	4	234
Ludlow & SS III	16	6	2	1	6	228
Trysull & Seis	16	7	1	4	2	225
Whittington	16	5	3	3	5	188
Harcourt	16	6	1	5	3	182
Hodnet & Peplow	16	5	0	6	4	177
Guilsfield	16	4	0	8	4	137
Hinstock	16	2	6	3	5	135
Coton Hall	16	3	1	7	5	128
Quayside	16	2	2	8	4	117
Bridgnorth III	16	2	3	6	5	109

DIVISION 4A

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Wellington V	16	9	2	2	1	301
Bomere Heath III	16	7	3	3	3	213
Whitchurch III	16	7	0	7	2	211
Worfield III	16	5	2	4	3	211
Cound III	16	6	1	5	4	205
Alberbury III	16	7	0	5	4	201
Frankton III	16	7	1	6	2	186
Welshpool III	16	5	4	3	4	179
Reman Serv III	16	3	6	6	1	158
Wem III	16	2	4	7	3	156
Knockin & Kinn III	16	4	1	7	3	152
Madeley III	16	3	1	10	2	133

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Av
Wroxeter Grove	15	11	2	02	18.69	
St Georges	16	9	4	03	17.69	
Quatt	15	6	3	2	4	15
Wellington	14	5	6	0	3	14
Beacon	16	4	10	02	13.43	
Allscott	15	4	5	24	13.36	
Acton Reynald	12	3	6	0	39.78	
Corvedale	16	3	7	2	49.67	
Pontesbury	14	2	7	3	29.25	
Llanidloes	14	2	7	1	4	9.1
Lilleshall	13	1	9	1	28.18	
Shrewsbury	14	2	8	3	16.54	

RESERVE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Reman Serv II	16	11	0	2	3	280
Ludlow & SS II	16	6	1	5	2	234
St Georges II	16	5	1	2	8	209
Wem II	16	7	1	3	5	209
Worfield II	16	7	0	5	4	200
Cound II	16	6	1	5	3	199
Frankton II	16	4	1	5	5	184
Wellington IV	16	5	2	5	4	183
Madeley II	16	3	1	6	6	156
Wroxeter Grove II	16	2	1	5	7	125
Alberbury II	16	2	3	7	4	124
Lilleshall II	16	1	1	9	5	67

RESERVE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Bomere Heath II	16	12	1	1	2	272
Welshpool II	16	8	1	2	3	249
Beacon II	16	7	1	4	2	227
Condover II	16	7	2	2	4	200
Willey II	16	5	1	5	5	177
Pontesbury II	16	5	4	4	3	174
Cae Glas II	16	3	4	5	4	144
Montgomery II	16	2	3	7	2	139
Allscott II	16	3	4	5	4	133
Knockin & Kinn II	16	4	1	7	4	132
Market Drayton II	16	2	1	9	4	111
Newtown II	16	2	2	9	3	103

RESERVE DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Shelton II	16	7	3	1	4	250
Forton II	16	5	1	4	3	210
Bishops Castle II	16	6	3	4	3	194
Tibberton II	16	5	5	2	3	178
Ellesmere II	16	6	0	3	6	176
Shifnal IV	16	5	2	5	4	175
Broseley II	16	3	3	4	6	160
Ludlow & SS IV	16	3	4	6	3	154
Oswestry IV	16	4	4	4	4	153
Albrighton II	16	3	2	6	4	150
Iscoyd &FB II	16	4	4	5	3	142
Much Wenlock II	16	1	2	8	5	101

Criftins A roll over champs in super win

CRIFTINS A pulled off the stand-out result of the night in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one when crushing leaders Johnstown A 9-1 (160-119).

The 2012 champions were in terrific form on home soil, with Dave Edwards (21-7) leading the charge, but the high-flying visitors still remain nine points clear at the top despite the hefty loss.

WHITTINGTON A are up to third after a 10-0 (168-79) home whitewash of lowly LLANYMYNECH A, Mike Brunt taking the coppers to four while John Hughes (21-6), Mel Morris and Graham Humphreys (both 21-8) were also good single figure winners. Henry Pugh lost narrowly 21-19 for the visitors.

CHURCH A were edged out by just two shots (142-140) in their 7-3 reverse at Johnstown B, Steve Williams their best to 11 and Dave Jones winning to 12.

Elsewhere, second placed Ceiriog Valley A were pipped 6-4 (148-146) at Corwen A, Cynwyd A were 7-3 (146-136) home winners against Chirk A while Ruabon A defeated Flexsys A 7-3, taking the aggregate by 24 shots.

In division two, promotion chasing WESTON RHYN suffered a 7-3 (144-97) loss at Llangynog A despite good wins from skipper Brian Oakley (21-10), Derek Taylor (21-12) and Sue Taylor (21-17).

GEORGE are up to third, leapfrogging YE OLDE CROFTE A where they won were 7-3 (153-138) led by John Hughes (21-7), while Brian Jones responded 21-9.

CHURCH B continued their climb with an excellent 8-2 (143-123) home verdict against CRIFTINS B, with Will Lewis (21-6) and Merv Weaver (21-7) on song, while Robbie Hughes was the best of the replies to six.

Next Tuesday's fixtures – Division One: Johnstown A v Corwen A, Flexsys A v Criftins A, Ruabon A v Cynwyd A, Chirk A v Johnstown B, Ceiriog Valley A v Llanymynech A, Church A v Whittington A.

Division Two: Criftins B v Black Lion, George v Llangollen A, Overton A v Llangynog A, Weston Rhyn A v Ye Olde Crofte A.

Ifton hit by points deduction

IFTON have been plunged into relegation danger in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League after having seven points deducted.

The St Martins side, along with Chester Road, were handed the penalty and a £50 fine, after failing to rearrange their match – which was postponed on April 25 due to bad weather – within 21 days.

The league's management committee ruled both clubs should be docked seven points. The match, at Chester Road, will now be played on Wednesday, September 17.

The loss of points has left Ifton third from bottom in the table, and with plenty to do when they host Hadley USC on Friday, although they have two games.

They could only pick up six points last week when losing 8-6 (216-199) at home to high riding Newport, despite Craig Davies' fine 21-18 win over Russell Pegram, a performance that earned him his side's most most valuable player award.

Elsewhere, Keiron Roberts won 21-13, Jeff Cooper at the foot of the table despite their 6-4 (16 shots) home win over Flexsys B, Phil James winning to five and Anthony Swannick to 11.

Third bottom WESTON RHYN C remain deep in danger after their 8-2 (157-125) loss at Chirk B, John Gale providing one of the bright notes with a 21-13 success.

LLANYMYNECH B kept alive their hopes of escaping the drop in division four after pulling off a 6-4 success at FOX LANE, snatching the shots by just three (140-137).

Dean Roberts led the way with a 21-11 verdict, Kevin Jones also winning to 12 while Joan Roberts responded 21-11.

WESTON RHYN B notched a 6-4 (141-128) home success against Overton B to stay out of the drop zone, Patrick Bubb (21-6) and Margaret White (21-7) providing two good single figure winners.

CHURCH D held on to their top four position in division five after their 7-3 (153-127) home win against Royston B, with Pat Brayne taking the coppers to eight.

LLANRHAEADR D are snapping at their heels in fifth position following their 7-3 (142-130) win over visiting Chirk C, Steve Fox and Brian Jones both winning to 11.

High flying YE OLDE CROFTE B are eight points clear at the top of division six courtesy of their 9-1 walloping of Cynwyd C, taking the aggregate impressively 161-82 with Tom Davies (21-1) leading the charge, while Joan Lewis and Geoff Thomas both weighed in to five.

In division two, CHURCH B, battling to stay clear of the drop zone, suffered a slender 6-4 reverse away to CRIFTINS C, losing the aggregate by just six (148-142).

Terry Lewis' 21-6 win swung it for Criftins, with Cheryl Weaver (21-14) the best of the replies.

YE OLDE CROFTE A were 7-3 (140-116) winners at Johnstown C on the same night, Iain Butler took the coppers to six and Adrian Davies was not too far behind to seven.

Results

Division two: Criftins C 6 Church B 4 (148-142), Johnstown C 3 Ye Olde Crofte A 7 (116-140). **Division three:** Whittington B 8 Ellesmere B 2 (149-124), Church C 6 Flexsys B 4 (149-133), Plas Kynaston A 3 Johnstown D (136-145), Ceiriog Valley B 7 Royston A 3 (146-127), Chirk B 8 Weston Rhyn C 2 (157-125), Ellesmere A 7 Whittington E 3 (144-135). **Division four:** Llanrhaeadr C 3 Bersham 7 (139-164), Llanfyllin A 6 Ceiriog Valley C 4 (138-135), Corwen B 2 Llangollen B 8 (127-154), Fox Lane 4 Llanymynech B 6 (137-140), Weston Rhyn B 6 Overton B 4 (141-128), Llangynog C 7 Ruabon B 7 (146-107). **Division five:** Llanrhaeadr D 7 Chirk C 3 (142-130), Criftins D 2 Johnstown F 8 (98-166), Overton C 8 Llanrhaeadr B 2 (153-131), Cynwyd B 3 Plas Kynaston B 7 (120-133), Church D 7 Royston B 3 (153-127), Whittington C 7 Whittington D 3 (143-136). **Division six:** Ye Olde Crofte B 9 Cynwyd C 1 (161-82), Johnstown E 6 Llangynog B 4 (156-137), Weston Rhyn D 9 Llanrhaeadr E 1 (164-98). Llanfyllin B 9 Church E 1 (165-94).

Whittington win boosts promotion hopes

WHITTINGTON B cranked up the promotion pressure in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division three with a thumping 8-2 victory at home to second placed Ellesmere B.

Ann Blake won to three as Whittington took the aggregate by 25 shots, 149-124, to move to one point of their visitors whose two replies came from John Harrison and Ray Batha to nine and 14 respectively.

This result meant that high-riding ELLESMERE A tightened their grip at the top of the division as they moved 11 points clear with a 7-3 (144-135) home beating of Whittington E.

Sybil Metcalfe led the way to 13 with Robin Reaves also a 21-14 winner, while Helen Humphreys (21-10) was the pick of the visitors.

CHURCH C are still eight points adrift

Bright shines with a late leveller as Town hit back

AFTER gaining promotion last season to the Mercian Regional Premier League, FC Oswestry Town kicked off the new campaign with a creditable2-2 draw against Allscott at the Park Hall Venue.

Manager Nick Maguire was happy enough after the division newcomers twice hit back to earn a point against a side hopeful of challenging for league honours this season after making several new signings during the summer.

Town started the game in confident mood, playing their typical possession football and looking to stretch Allscott and create chances for the front men of Ben Williams and Graham Dyke.



FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater

And it was Williams who had the early chances, but just failed to make a telling contact after new signing Elliott Howes found space down the right hand side to put a number of crosses to the far post and behind the Allscott defence.

However, the hosts found themselves behind on the half hour after being caught on the break through the pace of Allscott front man Luke Johnson who picked the ball up on the half way line and beat the FC Oswestry centre backs before coolly chipping another new signing Paul Morris in goal.

Rebound

This setback failed to rattle the home team and got their rewards for their pressure five minutes later when Graham Dyke collected a rebound off the post from a Joe Evans effort and somehow managed to find space in a congested six-yard box to put the pall in the net to bring the scores level.

Again Town pushed on, creating chances through some hard work of Olly Jones and Richard Morris in the centre of midfield.

But right on half-time, they went behind a second time in controversial fashion when they felt they should have been awarded a free-kick on half way after Joe Evans was fouled a couple of times.

Oswestry naively half stopped expecting the whistle, but it never came and Allscott pounced to release Johnson who again coolly chipped the ball over the outcoming Morris.

The disappointment of conceding the late goal in the first half appeared to rock Town who looked a out of sorts early in the second period as Allscott started to dominate the game but failed to take their chances to extend the lead.

So the hosts introduced fresh legs in form of Scott Bright and Stefan Ivanov up front and new signing Harry Kerr on the left, which saw Oswestry gain the upper hand again.

Ivanov harassed well, providing chances for Bright and Kerr and, with 10 minutes to go, it was Ivanov who pressured the Allscott keeper into a poor clearance which fell to Bright who fired home from close range to earn parity.

Oswestry carried on pushing forward in a bid for the winner with the best chance falling to Kerr who struck a ferocious strike from 15 yards out that struck the goalkeeper straight in the chest.

Town boss Maguire was pleased with his players' attitude and work to get back into the game twice, but rued the missed chances in the first half that could have made the game much more comfortable.

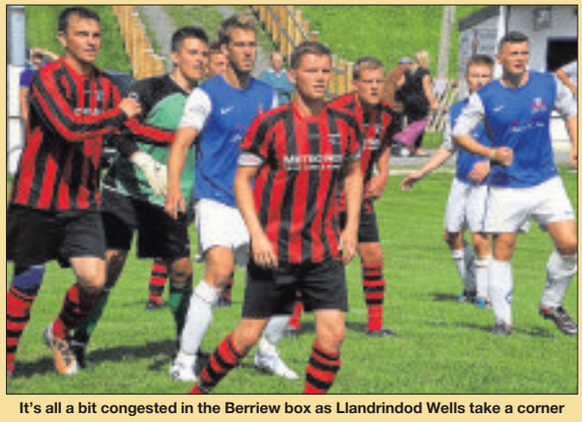
FC Oswestry now play a friendly against The New Saints on Friday night at the Venue (7.30pm), which will be followed by their next league game away to Hodnet on the Saturday August, 23.

Young Saints come fifth in Berlin



REPRESENTING Wales, The New Saints under-13s finished fifth when they participated in the Komm Mit ALLtogether European Youth Festival in Berlin. The young Saints faced teams from a variety of countries including Romania, Hungary, Italy, Finland, Lithuania and Moldova on the famous Maifeld pitches, situated just outside Germany's Olympiastadion.

The squad, which was coached by Jason Brindley and Mark Evans, consisted of Lewis Dutton, Zac Davies, Haci Ozlu, Owen Platt, Tom Halliday, Ben Pritchard, Sam Jones, Liam Ihekwoaba, James Gregory-Cork, Jordan Tipping, James Parry, Luke Sussex, Darren Evans, Jack Vale, Tomos Williams and Harry Bower.



It's all a bit congested in the Berriew box as Llandrindod Wells take a corner

Berriew undone in final

BERRIEW'S hopes of an early season trophy were dashed when an understrength side suffered a 5-0 loss at last season's league champions Llandrindod Wells in the Summer Cup final.

Without four first teamers, they were very unlucky to be 1-0 down at half time, but faded after the break.

It has been a busy close season for Berriew with a number of comings and goings, with Luke Evans and Nick Mumby both departing for Cymru Alliance side Llanidloes Town, while Chris Carroll (Abermule), Elliott Jones (Kerry), Rhydian Morris (Guilsfield), Matt Mumford (Kerry) and Olly Jones have also left the club.

Arriving are Steffan Rogers (Waterloo Rovers), Craig Sweatman and Josh Thompson (both from Mold Alex), and Steve Roberts (TNS youths) while Dave Roberts has returned from a year out with a knee ligament injury.

Junior golf coaching at Welshpool next week

WELSHPOOL Golf Club are hosting sessions for junior players of all standards next week.

The sessions will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 18-20 August, with the club hoping to attract total beginners to experienced players.

"We have coaching on all three days from our golf professional Jack Roberts with a special visit from Gareth James, Welsh Juniors golf coach on the Tuesday," said Ellen Jones.

Cost is £15 per day on the Monday and Tuuesday which includes lunch.

Wednesday is £5 for non members and will be a competition day with a barbecue to raise money for junior funds. Days run from 9.30am-3.30pm and all equipment is provided

This is a part of a Golf Foundation Golf Roots project which is sponsored by HSBC.

If anyone requires any additional information or to book a place contact Ellen Jones on 07794 220023 or email ejones800@aol.com

OSWESTRY

August Medal Division 1: A Allen 75-9-66; J Poole 72-5-67 (c/b); A Smith 72-5-67; G Huggett 72-4-68; H Jones 74-5-69; M Dickens 78-8-70 (c/b). **Division 2:** T Davies 76-11-65; R Jones 77-11-66 (c/b); L Turner 77-11-66; P Taylor 81-12-69; J Harris 82-12-70; M Jennings 82-11-71. **Division 3:** A Gilbert 88-19-69; P Pattenden 86-16-70 (c/b); P Clifford 89-19-70; P Wyndham 93-21-72; T Taylor 99-26-73 (c/b); C Jones 93-20-73. Best Gross: G Huggett 70.

Thursday Medal: S Ashworth 77-13-64; C Wase 71-6-65; S Skelton 74-7-67; A Hall 74-5-69 (c/b); D Thomas 74-5-69; G Tunnadine 81-11-70. Best Gross: C Wase 71.

Men's Invitation Four-ball Better-Ball Stableford: O Wheeler & A Wheeler (Shrewsbury) 42pts; G Huggett & K Baker (Enville) 41; I Pearce & A Lewis (Llanymynech) 40 (c/b); B Littler & B Beckett (Llanymynech) 40 (c/b); D J Evans & J R Evans (Llanymynech) 40 (c/b).

Ladies' Invitation 4BBB Stableford: M Male & K Thaw 46pts; B Bebbington & A Ord 45 (c/b); S Kelly & I Maskell 45 (c/b); S Wilson & K Edwards 45 (c/b); J Jones & L Taylor 45.

THE BROW

Monthly Medal Winner: J Youens 82-22=60. Best Gross: B Stuttard 76. Division 1: P Shore 82-15=67. Division 2: K Abbott 84-19=65.

WELSHPOOL

Club Championship: R Templeton 82+77=159 (18-hole play-off); H Bowen 78+81=159; M Fletcher 82+80=162; G Williams 77+86=163.

Ken Shaw Cup: D Jones 71 (also wins RGD Jones); R Templeton 72; M Bowen 73; M Fletcher 74. Two T's Trophy: T Bowen 70+74=144; D Jones 75+71=146; R Templeton 77+72=149; H Bowen 73+76=149.

PLACINGS

Oswestry & District Bowling League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown A	17	15	2	0	+338	115
Ceiriog Valley A	17	9	7	1	+353	103
Chirk AAA A	17	11	6	0	+171	96
Whittington A	17	10	6	1	+132	96
Ruabon A	17	9	8	0	+265	94
Criftins A	17	11	6	0	+144	93
Church A	17	10	7	0	+118	89
Flexsys A	17	7	10	0	-87	77
Cynwyd A	17	6	11	0	-163	74
Johnstown B	17	4	11	2	-259	67
Corwen A	17	4	12	1	-265	63
Llanymynech A	17	3	13	1	-511	53

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llangollen A	17	13	4	0	+388	112
Weston Rhyn A	17	9	5	3	+344	99
Ye Old Crofte A	17	8	7	2	+39	91
Overton A	17	10	7	0	-35	90
George	17	8	7	2	-30	89
Llanrhaeadr A	17	7	8	2	+98	87
Criftins C	17	8	8	1	-10	83
Church B	17	9	8	0	-92	82
Criftins B	17	6	11	0	-148	75
Johnstown C	17	6	11	0	-154	74
Llangynog A	17	8	9	0	-157	73
Black Lion	17	4	11	2	-243	65

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	17	14	3	0	+538	120
Ellesmere B	17	11	5	1	+463	109
Whittington B	17	13	4	0	+286	108
Plas Kynaston A	17	11	5	1	+165	95
Johnstown D	17	10	7	0	+72	93
Whittington E	17	8	8	1	+136	92
Chirk AAA B	17	7	10	0	-90	80
Royston A	17	7	10	0	-124	78
Ceiriog Valley B	17	7	10	0	-86	71
Weston Rhyn C	17	4	12	1	-306	62
Flexsys B	17	3	12	2	-423	60
Church C	17	4	13	0	-631	52

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon B	17	15	2	0	+485	124
Bersham	17	13	4	0	+361	108
Fox Lane	17	11	5	1	+161	96
Ceiriog Valley C	17	8	9	0	+148	95
Llangollen B	17	8	9	0	+99	86
Llangynog C	17	8	9	0	-5	79
Llanrhaeadr C	17	7	9	1	-131	78
Overton B	17	6	10	1	-144	77
Llanfyllin A	17	7	9	1	-213	74
Weston Rhyn B	17	7	10	0	-244	71
Llanymynech B	17	6	10	1	-317	67
Corwen B	17	3	13	1	-200	65

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown F	17	13	2	2	+449	111
Plas Kynaston B	17	11	5	1	+200	101
Cynwyd B	17	10	7	0	+167	96
Church D	17	9	7	1	+102	91
Llanrhaeadr D	17	8	8	1	+29	88
Overton C	16	8	8	0	+149	87
Royston B	17	6	8	3	-87	80
Chirk AAA C	17	6	10	1	-167	79
Llanrhaeadr B	17	7	10	0	-82	78
Whittington C	17	7	9	1	-165	75
Criftins D	17	7	9	1	-158	73
Whittington D	16	3	12	1	-437	51

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ye Old Crofte B	15	11	4	0	+531	107
Ruabon C	13	11	2	0	+575	99
Weston Rhyn D	14	10	4	0	+147	84
Johnstown E	13	8	5	0	+229	77
Weston Rhyn E	14	5	9	0	-89	60
Llangynog B	13	6	7	0	-74	59
Church E	13	6	7	0	-360	54
Cynwyd C	15	5	9	1	-340	53
Llanfyllin B	15	4	11	0	-265	5

Oswestry Veterans Bowling League

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Royston A	16	11	5	+242	87
Weston Rhyn A	16	10	6	+246	81
Llangollen	16	9	7	+206	81
Chirk AAA	16	11	5	+174	78
Llanymynech	16	9	7	-49	74
Whittington B	15	8	7	+26	72
Llangynog A	15	7	8	+58	70
Overton A	15	6	9	-82	62
Church Club A	15	7	8	-163	59
Ceiriog Valley	15	6	9	-289	54
Royston B	15	1	14	-369	47

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn B	14	11	3	+389	78
Cynwyd B	14	10	4	+218	76
Llanrhaeadr A	14	7	7	+301	75
Cynwyd A	14	10	4	+296	73
Y O Crofte	13	7	6	+173	65
Whittington A	14	8	6	-114	60
Llanrhaeadr B	14	6	8	-133	58
Church Club B	14	4	10	-293	53
Llangynog B	13	5	8	-187	47
Overton B	14	1	13	-650	36

Minsterley & District Rounders League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Morton	9	7	117	598.5		38
Borders Belles	9	7	2128.	585.535		
Welshpool	10	6	3155	155	33	
Oswestry	10	4	5115.	5142	23	
Severn	9	4	5	9795.5	20	
Plough	8	2	6	79	121	10
Leighton	9	0	898.5	151	3	

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Peacock	9	9	0	145.571	545	
Pontesbury	9	8	1	118.562	40	
Kinnerley	9	6	3	120.584	30	
Shoegirls	10	4	6	110136.5	20	
Nesscliffe	10	2	8	106	136	10
Middletown	10	2	8	110	154	10
Horseshoe	9	2	7	89.5	156	10

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Westbury	9	9	0	176.5	109	45
Mytton	8	6	2	139.597	530	
Minsterley	9	6	3	121	104	30
Wheatsheaf	10	5	5	132	141	25
The Bell	9	3	6	122	142	15
Black Lion	10	2	8	115	166	10
Beacon	9	1	8	100.5	147	5

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Foxes not Cross after Edwards trophy win

THE 40th anniversary season of the Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy saw Cross Foxes, Gobowen, crowned champions following an entertaining 2-1 final victory over Oswestry's Oak.

With the tournament staged on the Gobowen playing fields for the first time since 2006, the Foxes made the most of home surrounds to lift the trophy which was presented by former Wales, Wrexham and Everton midfielder Barry Horne.

Joe Pierpoint put them ahead with a low left-footed 20-yarder on 24 minutes, but the Oak were back on terms nine minutes later from a long-range effort from Jordan Gerrard.

Substitute Ben Pierpoint grabbed the winner on 66 minutes with a 25-yard free-kick, while the Oak ended with 10 men after Ben Oakley picked up a second caution in stoppage time.

After one of the best tournaments in recent years, jubilant Foxes captain Carl Harris – who was also voted man of the match – received the winners' trophy.

Cross Foxes had secured their place with a 4-0 semi-final win over Kinnerley, with Sam Litchfield (penalty), Joe Pierpoint, sub Matthew Hardy and Ian Heathcock on the mark.

Oak progressed after seeing off holders FC Oswestry Town 2-0 courtesy of goals from Dave Hartshorn and Mark Griffiths.

Oswestry Boys and Girls Club took the Graham Edwards Junior Trophy, for under-12 teams, beating Llanymynech 3-0 in the final.

Oswestry pair shine

OSWESTRY tennis club players Jo Macrae and Kat Oakley were in sparkling form as they helped North Wales over-35s to promotion in the National County Cup at Eastbourne.

The duo served up some fine performances in the biggest veterans tournament in the UK, with over 40 counties participating. The event consisted of two singles and three doubles rubbers over three days.

Oakley, on debut, had wins in singles and doubles against Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Cornwall while Macrae showed her doubles expertise with victories over Northamptonshire and Cornwall.

New Saints hungry for more title success

THEY may hold the record of eight Welsh Premier titles, but The New Saints manager Craig Harrison insists the hunger remains just as intense to land more domestic silverware.

The Saints have dominated the league in recent times, making it three titles on the bounce last season, and Harrison is relishing the new league season which opens with a home clash against Bangor City on Friday, August 22.

"I am looking forward to start next season and it will be great to start against a team like Bangor City," he said.

"I am excited at the thought of winning a fourth title because we have a team that is more than good enough to retain the league.

"I am always confident thanks to the squad I have at my disposal, and we will definitely be looking to secure a fourth title on the spin this season.

"We'll prepare well and we want to make sure we get our plans right."

Before then, the Saints – who also lifted the Welsh Cup last season – travel to Porthmadog in the first round of the Word Cup next Tuesday.

The full-timers stormed to the league title with time to spare last season, leading the way by 14 points, and Harrison believes his troops can handle what's thrown at them this term.

"The biggest satisfaction for me last season is the way the players handled the pressure with expectation levels so high after winning the league the two previous years," he added.

The Saints have parted company with winger Chris Jones, who has joined Gloucester City, and journeyman midfielder Lee Fowler, who has switched to Welsh Premier new boys Cefn Druids.

Coming in is Polish wingman Adrian Cieslewicz, the former Manchester City and Wrexham man who more recently was playing his football in the Faroe Islands.

■ TNS will take on Mercian Regional League neighbours FC Oswestry Town in a friendly at Park Hall on Friday (7.30). Tickets for the match will cost £5 for adults, £3 for concessions and £1 for children.

■ Under new boss Mike Parry, Guilsfield kick off their Cymru Alliance campaign at home to new boys Llandrindod Wells on Saturday.

Parry, who replaced Matt Burton last month, is a former Guils player, and will be keen to make a winning start on his return to the village club as manager. Taking up a managerial position for the first time, he will work alongside the current backroom staff of Danny Barton and Bernie Jones.

In his playing days, centre half Parry featured for Caernarfon, Buckley, Llangefni and Glantraeth before finishing his career at Guilsfield.

"This is Mike's first experience of management and he brings a great deal of knowledge and experience of Cymru Alliance football," said a club spokesman.

Meanwhile, a fine first half performance secured the Guils a 6-1 win in their final warm up game at Spar Mid Wales League side Four Crosses.

SKIPPER TO SIT OUT THE RUN-IN

OSWESTRY'S cricketers are looking to continue their push for safety in the Birmingham League division one – but will have to do without skipper Mark Robinson for the next three games.

The experienced left-arm spinner sits out a key phase of the season due to unavailability, starting with Saturday's tricky trip to mid-table Smethwick, and his skills and presence are certain to be missed.

by John Bridgwater

But the Morda Road men can take heart from a recent run of four winning draws and a victory from their last seven outings that have lifted them clear of the drop zone.

Despite currently lying third from bottom, they are now 26 points above the relegation places – and within three points of the next two sides above them.

Their cause was helped when basement rivals Shifnal lost to Wellington last week while Oswestry picked up 14 points from a battling winning draw against Old Hill.

Depth

Robinson's talent with the ball will be missed, having picked up 21 wickets this season at a cost of 24.14 each, and took 6-43 earlier this season against this weekend's opponents, Smethwick.

But Oswestry will be banking on their strength in depth in the coming weeks to see them steer clear of any relegation trouble in their first season in division one. They have six games remaining as the league reverts to a straight win or lose format, with no draws.

Opening bat Alex Huxley takes the captaincy, while he also continues to keep wicket in place of Joe Clarke who is still on England under-19s duty.

Alun Morris is back while Josh Coleridge, who scored some useful runs as well as taking a crucial catch last week, retains his place.

"Mark will be missed," said club captain Mike Robinson. "He has been bowling as well as he has ever done this season without getting his rewards, but for the first time for a long while we have a good first team squad.

"We have a number of players who can come in, so will be hopeful of continuing our good run.

"But Smethwick are a quality side; they are a really strong bowling unit and we had a low scoring defeat (by 27 runs) against them earlier this season. It will be tough there."

Oswestry, however, can take heart from another excellent fightback to earn a winning draw against Old Hill at Morda Road last Saturday to further boost their hopes of escaping the dreaded drop.

Yet at one stage it looked as if they were heading for a heavy defeat.

Old Hill were going ominously well on 172-1 in pursuit of Oswestry's 227, and an away win seemed the only possible outcome.

But the Morda Road men hit back to restrict their opponents to 206-7.

Earlier, Joe Carrasco had top-scored with 57 in the home side's innings and there were other useful contributions from Darren Papier (37), Matt Gregson (34), Coleridge (24), Alex Huxley (23) and Warrick Fynn (22).

Meanwhile, after being well beaten by eight wickets away to promotion-chasing Broseley, Welshpool's cricketers bid to bounce back at home to Alberbury on Saturday.

They now find themselves fourth from bottom in the Shropshire League division one after last week's defeat.

Welshpool were dismissed for 117, with Rob Pengelly (29) the only batsman to get into double figures.

In reply, Broseley eased to their target with time to spare.

Warren Firmstone struck an unbeaten 64, while Joe Birch (2-28) took both wickets to fall.

Tulloch shows Spirit to grab silver



Thomas Tulloch on Spirit IV in the European Pony Championships at Millstreet

OSWESTRY youngster Thomas Tulloch was part of the silver medal winning GB Pony team at the 2014 FEI Pony European Championships at Millstreet in Ireland.

Riding his mother Jancis' gelding Spirit IV, 15-year-old Tulloch put in a solid performance in the dressage which left him in 36th place going into the jumping.

Part of a six-strong team, he produced a fault-free cross-country round which moved him up to 16th place. On the concluding day he picked up only one time penalty in the show jumping to be 11th.

"Coming through the finish line was a personal highlight, with everyone cheering and shouting," he said.

Morda's playing future is in doubt

MORDA United's future is up in the air after moves to play football in Wales were blocked by the English FA.

It has been a tough summer for the Weston Road men whose new management team of Simon Walker and Luke Ogilvy stepped down just weeks after joining the Shropshire club.

Club officials then decided to withdraw from the Mercian Regional League and switch to the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League to reduce the amount of travelling, with Alun Clarke and and Colin Turner agreeing to run the team.

But moves to play across the border were blocked, putting the club's future in doubt ahead of Saturday's home friendly against Four Crosses reserves.

Despite this, Morda have been included in the Montgomeryshire League fixtures, being away to Trefonen in the Derek Mills Cup on Tuesday, August 26, and at Guilsfield reserves in the Village Cup on Saturday, August 30. Their first home game was scheduled at home to Llanymynech on Tuesday, September 2.

The club were former members of the Spar Mid Wales League in the 90s, but promotion to the Cymru Alliance was blocked because of their base in England. They then switched to the West Midlands League.

■ Boss Rhys Stephens feels last season's runners-up Llanfair United will face even tougher competition when they kick off their Spar Mid Wales League division one season at Four Crosses on Saturday.

The presence of Penrhyncoch and Llanrhaeadr, who have dropped down from the Cymru Alliance, will certainly strengthen the league.

In addition, a number of other sides have bolstered their ranks in the summer.

"The league will be a lot stronger this season with Penrhyn and Llanrhaeadr coming in," said Stephens.

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